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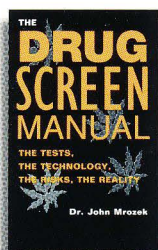
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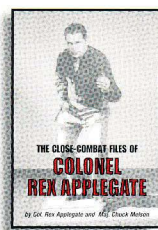


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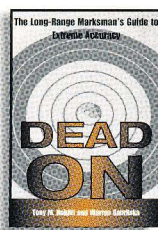
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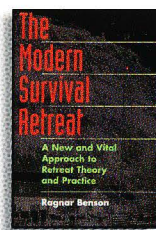
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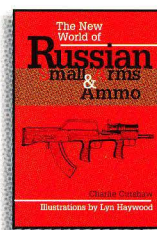
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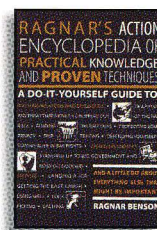
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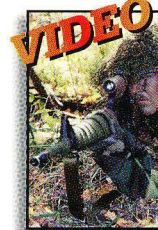
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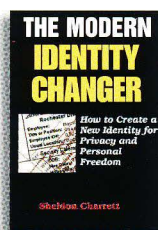
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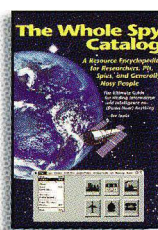
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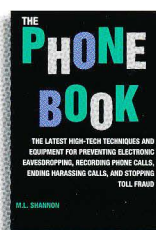
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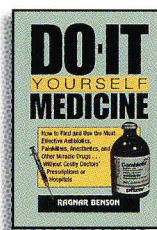
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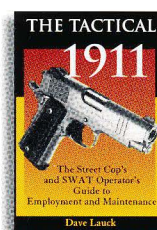
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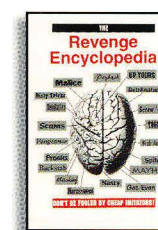
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WHY THE PARTISAN?

I must begin by extending my most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to you the reader for showing your support for the first issue of *The Partisan*. I promise you that I will do everything humanly possible to earn your trust and maintain that trust with a steadfast policy of pursuing the whole truth in each and every story, review, editorial or anything else we publish regardless of the consequences.

The decision to publish The Partisan was not an easy one. I have thought long and hard about the consequences of publishing such a journal. I am not oblivious to the dangers of ruffling the feathers of the vultures now feasting on the rotting carcass of American liberty. However I can no longer pretend that the steady destruction of a once great culture based on the ideals of freedom, individualism and objective justice is not taking place.

Telling the truth always has its price. Especially in the turbulent times in which we live where freedom-loving Americans who openly proclaim their patriotism to the ideals of individual liberty and the Constitution of the United States have become scapegoats for the politically correct media and the government which they serve.

The myriad of taxes, rules, regulations, restrictions, licenses, duties, tariffs, permits and statutes that have been imposed upon us by our own government dwarf those that were placed upon the American colonies by King George of England. The rift between those who advocate the continued drift towards socialism and those who yearn for the freedom of a constitutional republic grows ever deeper. The social and political fabric of America is being torn apart – a polarization of our society that goes much deeper than what was reflected by the street demonstrations and marches of the sixties.

Despite the rhetoric about this being the land of the free, the reality of the situation is that the United States is becoming less free every day. And it is precisely because we Americans are in grave danger of losing those remaining freedoms that we still have I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

If we look back in history we see that many brave Americans risked everything for telling the truth. Some paid dearly. The writings of Thomas Paine during the the American Revolution gave George Washington's army the moral and philosophical ammunition needed to carry it through the darkest days of struggle against the king's troops. There is no doubt that had the British captured Thomas Paine he would have been hung from the tallest tree for treason against the crown.

In the sixties there was the brilliant comic and social critic Lenny Bruce who in the last few years of his life was repeatedly arrested and thrown in jail for using language and talking about subjects that the state considered taboo.

As this first issue of *The Partisan* goes to press we find Peder Lund, the owner of Paladin Press, faced with a staggering lawsuit over the fact he dared to publish a book (*Hit Man*) that some find objectionable. The frightening thing is that the Supreme Court upheld an appellate court ruling that because the book was non-fiction and the publisher was aware of the fact the information contained therein could possibly be misused, he was not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. *Editor's note: We will keep our readers updated on the *Hit Man* lawsuit.

The First Amendment to the Constitution no longer protects our right of free speech any more than the Second Amendment protects our right to keep and bear arms.

Under the guise of fighting the "War on Drugs" William Bennett, George Bush's Drug Czar, initiated the first "assault rifle" ban which prohibited the importation of dozens of semiautomatic rifles. His brother, Bob Bennett, (who just happens to be President Clinton's lawyer), did his best to protect Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harrassment lawsuit and currently in the Monica Lewinsky case.

Under the guise of fighting the "War on Crime" Bill Clinton pushed the Crime Bill through Congress, which outlawed the manufacture and importation of any magazine of more than ten rounds as well as a long list of semiautomatic firearms.

Federal, state and county police are confiscating property without due process or trial from people who they claim to be drug dealers. Apparently the concept of

innocent until proven guilty no longer applies.

In Waco, Texas, agents of the BATF and FBI attacked and murdered men, women and children whose only crime was that they belonged to a religious sect (The Branch Davidians) that did not fall into the fold of mainstream America.

In Ruby Ridge, Idaho, the FBI murdered the wife, son and dog of Randy Weaver because he had not paid the \$200 tax stamp on the sawed-off shotgun that the FBI informant had relentlessly pressured him to make.

In Colorado a female juror by the name of Laura Kruillo (see page 52) was convicted and fined for voting "not guilty" in a drug case.

Virtually every amendment to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, has been subverted, twisted and trampled. That is why I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

The sovereignty of the United States is being usurped by an eclectic collection of two bit dictators, thugs, fascists, Communists, corrupt monarchs and religious fanatics that make up the United Nations.

Young American servicemen and women are fighting and dying in the world's most wretched places – not to safeguard the security of the United States but rather to appease the demands of those who are themselves unwilling to risk their own money and blood to back up their self-righteous rhetoric.

We have a government without a consistent, rational foreign policy that is content to lurch from crises to crises, hoping that technology and someone else's blood will make up for its own lack of conviction or commitment. We see the American military – once a proud, independent and untarnished institution – rapidly becoming politicized and corrupted by its use in the War on Drugs and ultimately against the American people. That is why I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

We watch the nightly news and listen to the polished, well-rehearsed insincerity of the President of the United States, a man who is morally and philosophically bankrupt and who has no values, ideas or vision save those of his own power. He is a man who quite literally would lie when the truth would do better.

The pathetic spectacle of President Clinton's television address where he half-heartedly admitted to having an affair with Monica Lewinsky but ended up defiantly blaming Ken Starr for his inexcusable conduct should be more than enough reason for the editor of every

major newspaper, radio and television station in America to demand his resignation.

They have not.

Moreover, the media continues to harp upon the non-issue of polls, somehow linking the consequences of President Clinton's misdeeds with his perceived approval rating amongst the American public. Any notion of objective justice taking priority over the latest Gallup or *Time/CNN* popularity contest has been abandoned.

The unfortunate but undeniable fact remains that the press has failed miserably in its responsibility to report the news objectively. The media has perfected its art of ignoring the real issues and has succeeded in filling the minds of Americans with meaningless trivia, convoluted poles, and government apologist propaganda.

Those of us who share a passion for freedom are without a reliable means to obtain the relevant facts about what is going on and a rational, objective analysis of those facts. That is why I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

With each and every election we fall prey to the same rhetoric from the Republican party about freedom and reducing the size and power of the government. Then we watch the inevitable process of the promises made to us get watered down in committee, compromised behind closed doors and eventually abandoned in the name of such collectivist dribble as bipartisan unity and the spirit of compromise.

In the end the only thing that gets compromised is our freedom. We are sold out again and again by those who have evolved in and are part of a system that is itself inherently corrupt. That is why I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

Now more than ever we need to hear the truth about what is going on. We need reason, rationality, objectivity and honesty to deal with the life-and-death issues of liberty lost. It is at this critical juncture in time that we find a burgeoning industry of hucksters and charlatans peddling their stale and cynical diatribe of conspiracy theories to an audience all too willing to listen to anyone offering a solution.

These people's simplistic ideas and quick-fix remedies are all too often tainted in the cowardly venom of racism and antisemitism which only serve to divert attention from the real people and issues posing the greatest threat to our freedoms. Whether they truly believe the fantasy they are selling to the American public or if they view their rhetoric as just another commodity in a gullible market place, it really doesn't matter. The net result is the same — one more obstacle on the road to regaining our freedom. That is why I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

Look around and you will see a well-orchestrated attack on a culture and a way of life.

The flames of rugged individualism and capitalism which once burned brightly in every corner of the land are now being dowsed by a witch's brew of collectivist utopian visions with passivity, mediocrity and guilt as their main ingredients.

Objective reality and truth, the guardians of individual liberty, have given way to the subjective feelings and mystical knowledge of those enlightened elite who have claimed the rest of us as their private herd of sheep to be harvested at their whim for our own good. I used to shake my head in disbelief in moments of sadness and despair and asked myself why I am so afraid? Why am I so paralyzed by this penetrating sense of dread and helplessness?

Why should I apologize for owning guns? Why should I feel like a cheat for wanting to keep that which I have earned? Why do I feel selfish for wanting to improve my life? Why should I go to jail for eating, drinking or smoking what I choose?

Why do I feel a sense of numbness and boredom listening to those who are extolled as the intellectual elite? Why don't I laugh at what they tell me is funny? Why do I loathe those who my teachers told me I should worship? Why must I express my thoughts and feelings in guarded whispers? Why can't I hold my head high and walk tall? Why do I feel like a stranger in the land in which I was born?

I know there are other people out there who cherish their birthright of liberty, who are as outraged and frustrated by what is happening in this country as I am. I know there are others who yearn for a vehicle by which to regain and keep their lost freedoms.

There is no question the deck is stacked against us. We must work hard not only to support our families and ourselves but we are forced to support the bureaucrats and commissars whose very job it is to enslave us.

Our challenge is to create the time and wealth above and beyond that which we need to survive and take the battle to the enemy – and win. No small task.

If there is one thing we learned from the American

debacle in Vietnam it is that you cannot fight a war by trying not to lose. If your stated goal is simply not to lose more ground, rest assured that is precisely what will happen.

I am not naïve and I am no martyr. In the immortal words of General George Patton, "No one ever won a war by giving his life for his country. You win a war by making the other dumb son of a bitch give his life for his country."

On top of it all there is the chorus of negativity and defeatism from within our own ranks. All too often I hear things like; One man cannot make a difference. Don't cause trouble, you'll only make things worse. Don't draw attention to yourself. You can't fight city hall. Things are no better anywhere else. Why do you always have to be different?

There are always a hundred good reasons to do nothing.

Like most of us I was content to immerse myself with the trials and tribulations of my own life. But after awhile I could no longer escape from the gnawing reality that something was terribly wrong.

Each and every morning we see ourselves in the mirror. And ultimately each one of us lives within the confines of our own head. These confines can be a sanctuary or a prison – the choice is up to us.

The state can take away our wealth, our material possessions and our freedom, but self-respect, honor and integrity — these are things that only we can take away from ourselves – by our own actions or lack thereof. Being able to look yourself in the eye and feel good about the man you see, respect the man you are — that is what it's all about.

I choose to no longer remain in the herd of bleating sheep being led to spiritual, intellectual and physical slaughter. I reject the notion that one man cannot make a difference. That is why I decided to publish *The Partisan*.

**Bob Glass
Publisher**

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In Focus:

by Bob Glass

WACO: The Rules of Engagement *Review*

Every so often a film is made that is so powerful, poignant and shocking that it transcends genre and becomes a phenomenon unto itself. *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* is such a film.

Unlike other brilliant films of the past that have forever burned a place in our hearts and minds, such as *The Killing Fields* or *Schindler's List*, this film is a documentary, not a drama based on real events. There are no actors or actresses in this film, no special effects or computer generated wizardry. The gunshots you see and hear are real; the flames you watch engulf the buildings are real and the child asking if she is going to be murdered is all tragically real. The fact that this film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary is a testament to its passion and power.

The disturbing events that occurred in Waco, Texas, in February through April of 1993 and the subsequent fallout have permanently changed and will continue to change the body politic of America.

The events surrounding the initial raid on the Branch Davidian compound by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) and resulting shootout, through the 51-day siege and the catastrophic inferno that finally ended the confrontation are the subject of intense controversy, heated debate

and much speculation.

Mike McNulty, the film's co-producer (see interview with Mike McNulty in *On Point*) and William Gazeki, the film's director, have done an extraordinary job in cutting through the haze of smoke and mirrors and getting to the truth about what really happened in the heartland of America.

With file footage of the siege itself and the congressional hearings that eventually followed, the film gives us a keen insight into the psyche and attitudes of not only David Koresh and his Branch Davidian followers but of the federal agents of the BATF and FBI who eventually had the final say as to the outcome of the siege.

The film also shows homemade videotapes that the Branch Davidians made of themselves in Mt. Carmel during the 51-day siege. These tapes do much to challenge the assertion of the FBI (so dutifully expounded by the press) that the Branch Davidians were mindless, evil, drug-crazed zombies blindly following a madman.

On the other hand the film makes no apologies; nor does it attempt to explain Koresh's bizarre sexual behavior with his followers; nor does it make any attempt to tone down Koresh's fire and brimstone interpretation of the New Testament.

What the film does do superbly is present an honest picture of what David Koresh and his Branch Davidian followers were all about and lets you decide for yourself what to think of these people.

The film also focuses on the attitudes and values-or lack thereof -

of the federal law enforcement agents who were involved in the fiasco at Waco and their subsequent defense of their actions at the congressional hearings.

One of the better moments in the film is when BATF agent Martinez - the man who had infiltrated and was spying on the Branch Davidians just prior to the raid - angrily accuses other BATF agents of perjury when they deny that he had warned them that the secrecy of the raid had been compromised and that an ensuing bloodbath would result if they didn't call it off. This happens in the midst of the emotionally charged atmosphere of the congressional hearings and shows a rare glimpse into the dissension in the ranks of the BATF.

Another wonderful achievement of the film is to show the various congressmen, senators and the Attorney General herself, Janet Reno, interpreting and reacting to the same set of facts. We see how certain politicians such as Orin Hatch of Utah bitterly condemn the actions of federal law enforcement agents while other politicians such as Charles Schumer of New York, sing their praises.

The film's major revelation is a strong challenge to the FBI's assertion that no law enforcement agents or military personnel fired at the Davidian compound once it was set ablaze.

With a detailed, frame-by-frame exposé, the film shows the government's own FLIR (forward looking infrared) images taken from a plane circling overhead at the actual time of the burning of Mt. Carmel.

The technology employed with FLIR photography uses heat as opposed to light to make images. Consequently the images of the soldiers firing automatic weapons into the Davidian buildings are not readily recognizable to the untrained eye.

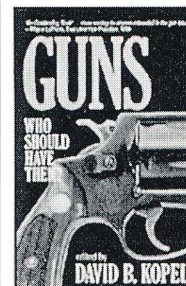
As we watch this footage we are guided by an eminently qualified expert who describes the thermal images of automatic weapons fire coming from key points in the compound at the exact time of the fire. This of course directly contradicts what the government has been saying all along.

The narrator concludes that the thermal images of automatic weapons fire seen in the FLIR footage prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the government had a direct hand in the murder of men, women and children in Waco, Texas. This is the most damning and dramatic evidence offered in the film.

Regardless of your political, philosophical, religious or moral values are, there is no way you can see this film and not be deeply moved.

The very nature and conduct of our federal law enforcement agencies and the administration which they serve must be brought sharply into question. Regardless of the stated intent to protect the welfare of the children, the ill-fated raid on the Branch Davidian Church will continue to haunt the American conscience for years to come. When one shudders at the horrors of federal police attacking innocent American citizens, at least a little solace can be taken from the fact there is enough freedom left in this country where a film like *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* can still be made.

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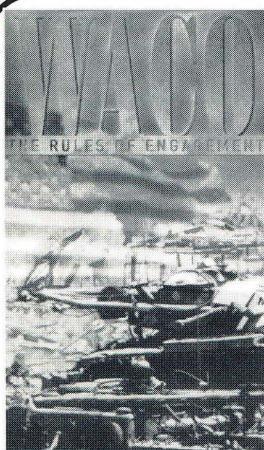
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An Interview with Mike McNulty, Producer of **WACO: The Rules Of Engagement**

Like most people who saw the film *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* I was deeply moved and very much disturbed by what I saw (see *In Focus* movie review). The film, which was nominated for an Academy Award, is a masterpiece of a documentary and those responsible for its making deserve a lot of credit.

When I was given the opportunity to interview the film's co-producer Mike McNulty not once but twice I jumped at the opportunity. The first thing that stuck me about Mr. McNulty is his down-to-earth, matter-of-fact demeanor.

Mike McNulty is in the forefront of investigative journalism, poking his nose into a number of sensitive areas that a good number of powerful people in our government would prefer he didn't.

Mike's affable smile, soft flannel shirt and firm handshake immediately put me at ease and for a short while distracted me from the deadly serious nature of the investigation he continues to pursue. After exchanging pleasantries Mike got right down to the business of where his investigation into the Waco tragedy has taken him and where he is headed with it now.

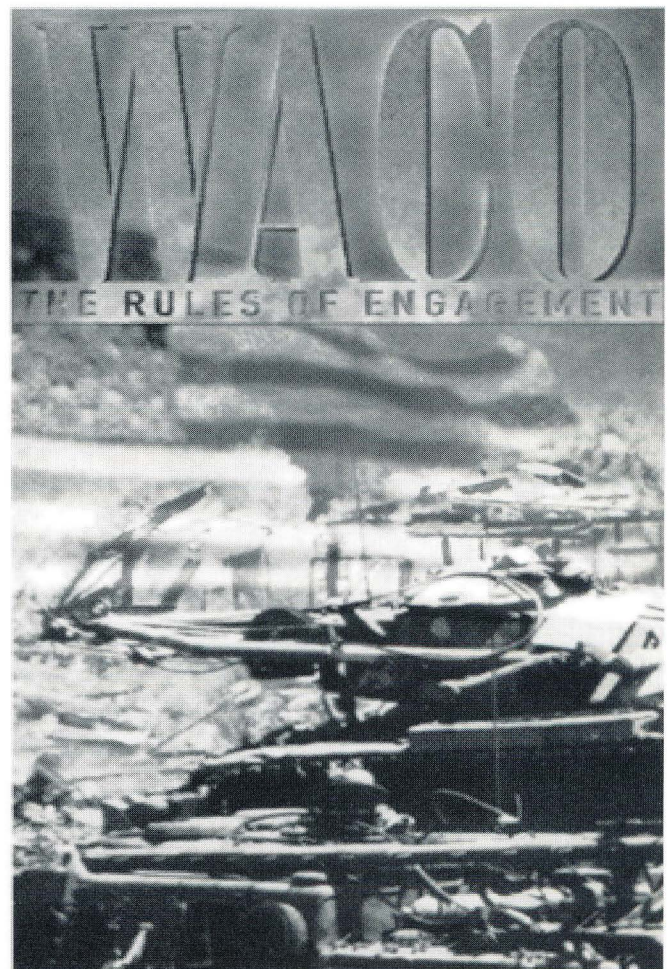
The stories that proceeded to flow for the next couple of hours read better than any Tom Clancy or Ian Fleming novel.

Only in this case — at least according to Mike McNulty — they are true. Mike talked about conspiracy, murder, cover-up and obstruction of justice at the very highest levels of government. Certainly there is circumstantial evidence to back up his claims or at least give credence to the possibility that what he is saying is true.

I am not implying that what he says is not true, only that we don't know. The scope of his story is so fantastic and the implications so terribly chilling that it is only prudent to move along with a cautious, methodical skepticism.

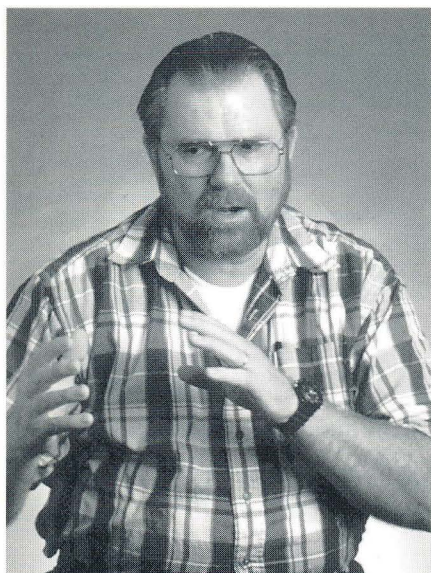
Unfortunately, it is currently beyond the power of *The Partisan* to confirm or disprove the truly incredible things that Mike McNulty talked about during our interview. In the film *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* McNulty does an extremely good job backing up all of his claims with solid evidence. If he can provide additional proof for the things we talked about with the planned sequel, *Waco: The Addendum* that will prove to be quite an achievement indeed.

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***PARTISAN INTERVIEW:* Mike McNulty**

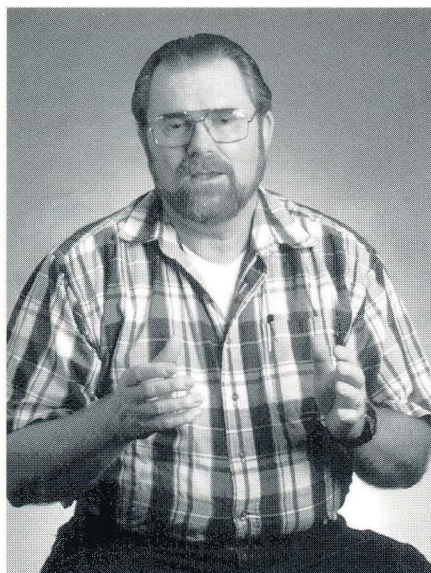
A candid one on one conversation with the producer of this year's most controversial Academy Award nominated documentary film, WACO: The Rules Of Engagement.



The government does not have the right to initiate violence against people who are simply exercising their constitutional rights, even if there are criminal allegations against them.

GLASS: Tell me a little bit about yourself and how you became involved with freedom issues and your interest in Waco?

McNULTY: A long time ago my dad was a Marine of WWII vintage. He was at Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal and other ugly and wonderful places. That's where I learned my appreciation for firearms. And through that I also learned an appreciation for the Constitution that gives us the right to be gun owners. Actually the Constitution doesn't give it to us. God gives it to us. The Constitution ensures it.

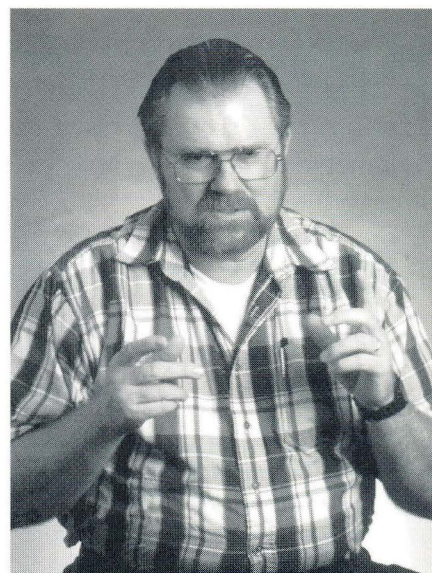


Personal responsibility and accountability are the principles that our country was founded upon. Those are the premises that make our country what it is not the latest piece of legislation off the desk of some politician.

GLASS: Or recognizes it.

McNULTY: Or recognizes that right, that God-given right which gives you the ability to defend yourself, your family and your country from all enemies foreign and domestic.

I went into the Navy in 1964 and wound up overseas for three tours of duty in Vietnam. So I got a little taste of what fighting for something is all about, watching people get killed. Occasionally there were a few bullets headed my way too.



The one thing great about being an American is that you always have the right to educate yourself, learn more and decide for yourself what you want to be.

GLASS: Were you on a riverboat?

McNULTY: No. I was a combat photographer in the Navy. I was in Vietnam for three tours of duty from August of 1965 to November of 1968. So I saw a few things.

GLASS: You were there in the thick of things.

McNULTY: I saw a few things. That experience left me with a very negative feeling about government in general relative to the execution of the Vietnam War. Before I got out of the Navy I joined Vietnam Vets Against The War

(VVAW). I protested the war while I was still in the service. I had a radio program towards the end of my tour and the theme song for my radio program was Country Joe and the Fish "the Fish cheer." "Be the first one on your block to have your boy come home in a box..."

GLASS: "One, two, three, what are we fighting for? Don't ask me I don't give a damn. Next stop is Vietnam."

McNULTY: Yes. And the Admiral who was the head of our fleet operation didn't particularly care for that.

GLASS: I could see that.

McNULTY: I got thrown off the air a couple of times. I guess sort of a rebel with a cause. I came out of the Navy and the hair grew and the beard grew and "Peace, man" and the whole business. I was one of the original hippies.

That evolved into liberal Democratic politics in the early seventies. I learned my lesson about politics, Democratic politics in particular. I got out of it and began to become more conservative in my point of view. It was sort of an epiphany there — sort of a process by which I became more of what I'm like today.

GLASS: Which is?

McNULTY: Which is much more conservative. I don't particularly care for Republicans any more either. I've had occasion to work

with Republicans during this episode and previous to that and what I found is that most politicians are elitist. They are not truly conservative or truly liberal. If they were that would be OK because they would be honest in their opinions. But they are elitists who will sell-out at the drop of a hat one way or another in order to get political gain. It has nothing to do with philosophy or political viewpoint.

I've taken a look at the far right. I never really joined them. That is the extreme militia folks and the not so extreme militia folks. I don't know. I think things like militias are premature and for the most part ineffective.

On the subject of militias I have visited the nether regions of the right and what people refer to as the right which is really not the right. The kind of things that are referred to in the press as the right, "extremist militias," or "Neo-Nazis." Those are two distinct, separate parts of what might be construed or defined as the right.

I don't find the militias that I've come in contact with as extremist for the most part. I find them perhaps premature, somewhat inept, but not really extremist in their views. They believe in the Constitution. Constitutional militias are at the very least harmless and at the very most a necessity that may come into play.

What I'm talking about in terms of the extreme right would be the likes of Dennis Mahon, or Michael Brescia or Andraas Strassmeir, Reverend Millar or Elohim City or some Christian

Identity folks. I've found realistically where I'm at politically is much more in the middle of things than I thought I was. For example on the liberal side of my persuasion I think it's totally absurd to lock up people for using drugs. The vast majority of the people who are in prison today are there because of drug use. It's absurd. That's not their problem. Now they may have gone out and done some burglaries or committed some real crimes for which they're responsible and should be in jail.

GLASS: I would think that this is a separate issue.

McNULTY: But people who are in prison solely because they use drugs is absurd.

GLASS: I would assume that since the Waco film was made you have uncovered new things. What are some of the things you've found that you would have included in the original film had you known about them at the time?

McNULTY: We've found a definitive answer as to who shot first on February 28th. We've found more detailed information on the 40mm grenades that were used.

GLASS: You mentioned grenades. What kind of grenades are you talking about?

McNULTY: They appear to be incendiary in nature. I don't want to go into more detail than that. They are consistent with other information that we've received as

to the identity of the players — the shooters on the ground at the back of the building, we now know, it was NOT the FBI or the ATF.

GLASS: Could you tell us who?

McNULTY: All our evidence points to the same group of boys. This would be Delta Force “B” Squadron — whoever was rotated into the duty unit that particular month, April 1993. They appear to have been represented by a 13-man contingent at the back of the building and as they say “forward deployed” with members of the FBI Hostage Rescue Team at the back of the building. Forward deployed means actively engaged. They were some of the shooters.

At this point we’ve received confirmation from literally dozens of sources within the military as well as formerly classified Army documents that confirm this.

GLASS: Is it possible that the FBI didn’t know that they were shooting?

McNULTY: The coordinated activities of the tanks and the personnel on the ground under and around those vehicles indicate that they had to be aware that there were personnel outside the tank. They appear to have come from inside the tank out through the belly hatch of the M-60 chassis of the vehicle at the back of the building at approximately 11:30 AM.

GLASS: Is it possible that the FBI never had any intention of

shooting anybody and that Delta Force took it upon themselves to do it?

McNULTY: I have no idea but I wouldn’t give that notion much credence. I believe that it was a planned operation. I believe that it was prepared and ready long before April 19. I believe that it was not regarded as necessary until about 10:30 AM an hour before on April 19.

GLASS: What happened then?

McNULTY: It appears that a group of Branch Davidians attempted to exit the building and were thought to be sappers that were going to blow up a Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

***They were taken out
by snipers at the back of the
building.***

Somewhere in Washington, D.C. someone determined that it was not a “good shooting.”

From that point on it was clear that the plan of attack was to demolish parts of the building, finish inserting gas, light it up and destroy the evidence and the witnesses.

GLASS: This is all new stuff.

McNULTY: No. It’s in the film. What we don’t deal with in the film is who were the shooters on the ground.

GLASS: I don’t recall —

McNULTY: Remember the business about the body tangled up in the tank?

GLASS: Yes, I do.

McNULTY: How did the body get tangled up in the tank?

GLASS: I don’t think anyone knows how the body got tangled up in the tank tread and left behind the building.

McNULTY: That’s because we didn’t tell you how the body got out there. I’ve just filled in a few blanks for you.

GLASS: Those are some big blanks because I don’t remember ever hearing the reason given for burning down the buildings prior to this conversation. I never heard anyone say that the buildings were burned down to cover an unjust shooting that had taken place an hour before.

McNULTY: Now that statement is my hypothesis. It is my working theory of what motivated the plan of action to be implemented. The plan of action was to destroy the witnesses and the evidence. That is self evident in the record by virtue of the infrared, the still photographs and the videotape from the ground.

The question is why did they do this? What motivated them to do it first of all? The answer appears to be the deaths of several Davidians — two to three of them at the back of the building at approximately 10:20 on the morning of the 19th.

One of those individual's names was Jimmy Riddle. Another one was Steven Henry. The third possibly was Phillip Henry. There is ample evidence to indicate that they came out of the building at about 10:20. One of them was carrying a backpack. I believe that they came out of the tool room which was adjacent to the area just to the east of the hallway leading from the chapel going back to the gymnasium. It's on the outer wall of the gymnasium towards the swimming pool.

I have a still photo taken from the air showing a white male exiting from that room heading towards the alleyway that leads to the back of the building between the pool and the gymnasium carrying a backpack on his left arm.

There are indications in the FBI communications log that an individual was out and about in the back of the premises at approximately 10:46 AM carrying a backpack. All of that is consistent with what we're seeing on the visual record. Which is our best confirmation of anything that went on there that day.

What we find in the official reports – the FBI 302 after action reports conflict substantially and regularly with the visual record captured by still photos and videotape.

GLASS: *What you're telling me in essence is that the FBI fabricated their reports to cover their ass.*

McNULTY: It sure looks that

way.

GLASS: What about the Delta Force people on the ground? Do you know who they are?

McNULTY: Now who those people are specifically we're not prepared to say, but that certainly raises bigger issues of Posse Comitatus violations and a number of other things.

The word we get is that this is not the first time Delta Force has been engaged in civilian law enforcement activities that were of the extreme nature.

GLASS: Is there a possibility that any of these guys are troubled by their role in these affairs and want to come forward and clear the air?

McNULTY: Some folks have talked with me. We're hearing from more. We hope to hear from others. Perhaps people that might read *The Partisan* and other such publications.

GLASS: OK

McNULTY: It's a pretty delicate dance we're doing here.

GLASS: Sure it is.

McNULTY: We're getting close to the bottom line here — who is really responsible for what happened and who gave them the orders, orders obviously initiated in the military sector but originated from the civilian

domain.

GLASS: Right.

McNULTY: Some of the players on the civilian side are clearly identified in the film. Where their connections go and where their orders came from — one can add two and two and come up with the right answer.

GLASS: Right.

McNULTY: But the real key — the person we're really most interested in talking-to is the gentleman who was a full-bird colonel who took the civilian order and translated it into a military execution — literally and figuratively. There are a lot of things going on here.

GLASS: Do you know who he is?

McNULTY: We've identified him. We have his dossier. He was the colonel in charge of what is called the CAG unit, the Combat Applications Group out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, which translates out literally to Delta Force. This gentleman may even have been on scene that day.

GLASS: Does he have a name?

McNULTY: None that I'm going to give you right now. I can tell you this — he was a colonel. He is now a major general. And one of the ironies is that when we obtained his dossier we noted that his birthday was April 19, 1948. We know who he is. We've positively identified him. That

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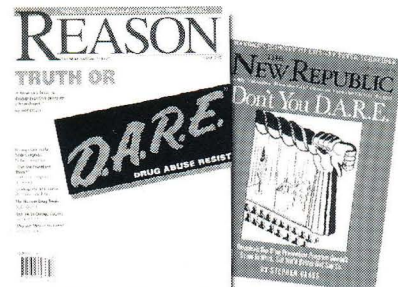
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information will be released at a later date.

GLASS: Is this line of investigation going to make up the basis of your next film?

McNULTY: Indeed.

Delta Force's involvement will be a central point in the new film that I'm working on.

The tentative title will be *The Waco Addendum*.

This film will focus on a number of things, including who shot first on February 28th. We'll take a closer look into the gunfire from the helicopters as well as identifying who the shooters were at the back of the building. Did the FBI shoot in spite of their protestations? The answer is yes.

And the fascinating part of that is that the evidence shows that the gunfire emanated from Sierra 1, and the sniper team that was at that location was lead by none other than Lon Horiuchi, the FBI sniper who was on trial for the death of Vicki Weaver at Ruby Ridge. (See *Mock Trial* pg 70.)

GLASS: Do you know the anticipated date of the release of the new film?

McNULTY: We hope October of 1998, which will mark the five-year anniversary of the fires at Waco.

GLASS: What is the new twist or

connection regarding the death of Vince Foster?

McNULTY: That's something I really don't want to get into right now. What I can tell you is this: we're looking into a number of areas inside the White House and in the FBI command center Headquarters (SYOC) in Washington, D.C. One of the most interesting pieces of paper I've seen is FBI report 302 that was a post suicide interview with his widow, Lisa Foster. In that document she clarifies what was really troubling Vince. It wasn't all of the funny business of Whitewater, Travelgate or Lannie Ganier's nomination failure. That was all part of "Washington." What was really bothering Vince — She says this not once but twice

— is that *Vince Foster felt responsible for the deaths of all the children at Waco.*

GLASS: This would indicate to me that Vince Foster was somehow involved in the chain of command in the decision to...

McNULTY:

I think there is a very good possibility that Foster was the ears in the White House that received the calls about Waco reported by Web Hubbel at the FBI command center in the White House at 10:00 AM Washington time.

GLASS: I've never heard about this before. Is this FBI Lisa Foster report public information?

McNULTY: Yes. The problem is that this is not the sort of thing that

Peter Jennings is going to put out on the six o'clock news.

GLASS: Any news story that breaks — count on the major networks to fix it.

McNULTY: There seems to be at least in Mrs. Foster's mind — the former Mrs. Foster — she's remarried from what I understand.

GLASS: Doesn't take em long, does it?

McNULTY: No comment. *There was something on her mind at the time she was interviewed right after Vince's death that suggested that the deaths of the children at Waco is what was bothering Vince.* It's a very, very curious observation that goes inside the White House and into channels that we've only begun to look at. Dr. Allen Stone, the government's own legal and psychiatric expert who was hired by the Justice Department to analyze the standoff situation with Mr. Koresh, makes the observation that when he first arrived he thought that he was going to have to understand the psychology of those inside the compound. But he hadn't been there long when he determined that what he really had to do was understand the psychology of those OUTSIDE the compound because those were the people who held the solution to resolving the problem. This point is brought out in the film.

He's talking specifically about the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team. Dr. Stone makes another observation in the film that notes one

of the most egregious faults of the federal government. That being that there never was and may never be any kind of report about the transactions and goings on between the command center at the FBI headquarters – Mr. Hubbell a la Mr. Potts etc. and the White House. There has never been any documentation presented.

When the Congress of the United States called for Mr. Hubbell's phone records to be brought forward in the congressional hearings he presented them with a stack of pink message slips. Every one of them had been crossed out in heavy black ink. I suspect that they were the originals that had been altered to the point where you couldn't read who he (Hubbell) was talking to, when he was talking to them, and where they were at the time of the conversation.

GLASS: So they were essentially worthless?

McNULTY: Essentially one has to wonder what is it that the White House was trying to cover up at that particular juncture in terms of the nexus between the White House and the FBI command center on April 19, 1993.

I asked Gary Aldrich, the author of *Unlimited Access*, a question on my radio show that I did once a week on the American Freedom Network. I asked him what kind of advice was the FBI giving to the White House on April 19th? And his observation was that the FBI was giving no advice at all. They were receiving commands from the White House.

We have new evidence that the FBI did indeed fire on April 19th, 1993, but they were not the only government agency that took part in the shooting.

We have good physical evidence-both eyewitness testimony of Federal agents and physical crime lab testimony that indicates there was firing from the front of the compound at Mt. Carmel as well as the back.

Watching the FLIR (Forward Looking Infra Red) segment in the film we see gunfire on the ground.

The shooters out back were in all likelihood members of DELTA force and HRT. The shooters firing from the front were FBI agents.

We will show this evidence in the new film. It simply cinches up the noose around the government's neck that they themselves put there, and in a way that makes it even more definitive.

GLASS: You talked about getting together with the film's executive producer, Dan Gifford. From what I understand there were some disagreements between you and Mr. Gifford about editing the film.

McNULTY: Mr. Gifford was recently quoted in a number of liberal publications sounding much like an ACLU civil rights worker. Painting him in that

capacity is humorous to me, because that isn't what he is. At any rate he is all tied up with the notion that the truth needs to be given a paint job so that it's more acceptable to people of the liberal persuasion

GLASS: Has he altered the film?

McNULTY: He did alter it. The original version that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival on January 16th 1997 was 2 hours and 45 minutes long. It was a cumulative work of Mr. Gazecki and myself. Mr. Gifford offered some contributions.

We all agreed that it was a bit long at 2 hours and 45 minutes. Mr. Gifford then determined that he would re-cut the film without benefit of approval, guidance or the acquiescence of the contract that we had mutual artistic control. And he re-cut it to his own version that ran 2 hours and 15 minutes. The conclusion of the film has been altered. His version reflects a kinder, gentler approach in terms of suggesting a greater culpability on the part of the media in reporting the story to the American public or more precisely their failure to report it to the American public. It ends with this wishy-washy emotionless feeling which implies that somehow we should blame the media and not the government for what happened.

Neither Mr. Gazecki nor I were amused with that particular redemption. That's the version that's been showing in theaters since June. It started at the New York Human Rights Film Festival, and went on from there.

While it still says

essentially the same basic story, the twist at the end was not one that Mr. Gazecki or I appreciated. At the time Mr. Gifford was re-cutting his version Mr. Gazecki and I re-cut from the original Sundance version — what we call the director/producer cut. Our version is 2 hours and 36 minutes long. This is about 20 minutes longer than Mr. Gifford's cut and contains more of the original Sundance material, including the rather shocking opening of the film with the voice of a little girl on a telephone asking if she is about to be murdered.

I have little doubt that Koresh probably coached her, but the validity of her question still stands. And it is even more incredible when you realize that there is no way Koresh could have known how this game was going to end. That is why we use that question at the end of our cut.

So that after Bob Ricks, the FBI agent that conducted all of the press conferences, gives a rather lame conclusion to his last press conference, you hear Jim Cavanaugh's voice in the background, the agent who was talking to the little girl on the telephone and he's giving his first apology and then immediately after that you hear the little girl ask the line "are you going to come in and kill me?" And then the film shows the building covered with flames. And the credits roll over that.

Because that's really the central question, not whether or not somebody did this or somebody did that. It's not whether the press reported the

whole incident accurately. It's "Who killed the child?" And all the children with her?

Who really killed them? Was it Koresh or was it the government? That is the central theme.

There is no other question.

Our cut deals with the film in that capacity. And I think it's all the more appropriate when you consider the new evidence that will be shown in the new film. The film deals with the question of who killed these children.

GLASS: Let me ask you this—after all the interviews and the investigation and the filming and the exhaustive months of research that you put into the project — who did kill the children?

McNULTY: Operatives of the federal government killed the children.

Which is not to say that Mr. Koresh did not have any culpability whatsoever — he did. There were opportunities during the siege that he might have brought those people out. He could have very well sent those children out.

Culpability is a significant and important issue but it's not the same as responsibility. The responsibility rests with the federal government. Period. Because they were the ones that demolished the building.

They were the ones that filled it full of methylene chloride and CS gas. They were the ones that knocked over the 500-gallon fuel tanks at the south end of the building and deposited 2,000 plus gallons of hydrocarbon fuels, diesel, kerosene, and gasoline under the building just days before the fire.

They were the ones that demolished the building and in the process ignited it using incendiary devices.

They were the ones standing at the back of the building who were firing automatic weapons into the only viable exit left, the physical location where 18 bodies were found shot to death. They were the ones that did that. But certainly Koresh had some culpability in the end game.

The Davidians attempted to employ a "defensive fire" with molotov cocktails or fuel-soaked hay bails at a certain location in the building to prevent tanks from coming in. Certainly that was ill advised under the circumstances. The fact was that the government beat them to the punch when they brought it down around their ears and shot them when they tried to come out. End of story.

Sorry. Sometimes I get a little bit emotional.

GLASS: That's OK, Mike. In your best case scenario what do you hope to accomplish by having made the film and distributing the film on video and in theatres?

What do you hope will happen as a result of this?

McNULTY: As people in certain military and law enforcement units see the film, they will hopefully come forward. We've already had a number of these people come forward and tell us more of the truth. Hopefully more will come out of the Waco closet.

I would hope that the average American citizen who sees it would want to do something about it. I saw what happened at Waco in 1993 and I was very upset by it. Tim McVeigh saw what happened in 1993 and he was upset by it. In response he blew up a building full of innocent people. That's the wrong thing to do. Anybody that would take that into his or her minds is beyond help as far as I'm concerned. That would be the absolute wrong thing to do.

The absolute right thing to do is take a copy of this home video and get your congressman's and senator's attention however politely you can do that. Promise a huge contribution if they behave themselves and do the right thing. If they don't do the right thing you will take that time, money and effort and make sure they are not re-elected. That has to get their attention.

GLASS: When you say do the right thing what do you mean by that?

McNULTY: Do the right thing. Urge your congressman if they happen to be on the right committees to appointment a special prosecutor that will have

the authority to conduct the appropriate investigations of the criminal allegations raised in this film. And that the guilty parties are charged, prosecuted and convicted.

GLASS: Realistically speaking what do you think the chances are of that happening?

McNULTY: If you had asked me that question a little while ago I would have said not very good. But because of new information I believe that the odds have increased substantially.

GLASS: What new information?

McNULTY: We have gained the attention of a Republican Congressman from the Midwest who shall remain nameless for the time being. He would chair the oversight committee and would also have the authority to produce effects. As a result of all this I hope that Congress will substantially beef up the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878.

The feedback that I'm getting right now from a lot of Special Forces operators is that they believe that Delta Force operates under an exemption to Posse Comitatus which allows them to act and react upon U.S. citizens.

GLASS: Who is giving them this exemption?

McNULTY: According to the sources that I've dealt with they claim that that exemption came as a presidential executive order.

GLASS: Which president?

McNULTY: We don't know. But that is Delta Force's claim. I have not seen any such presidential executive order. I have not seen any exemption to Posse Comitatus (except in the War on Drugs) referred to or implemented in legislation. This is a question the people of the United States had better get to the bottom of before they find Delta Force at their doorstep.

GLASS: Does the President of the United States have the authority to exempt an individual or group of individuals from an existing statute?

McNULTY: What you're asking is does the President of the United States have the authority to order someone to go and commit civil murder? The answer to that should be no.

This President William Jefferson Clinton has exhibited a total disdain for the concept of law and constitutional authority.

What makes you think that he wouldn't be capable of using a presidential executive order or directive that would emphatically exempt the most sophisticated military unit in the United States government to go after American citizens?

GLASS: Nothing. But the question is did he break the law if he did issue such a directive?

McNULTY: That is what we need

to find out. That is what the Congress should be looking into.

GLASS: What is the Clinton Administration saying about the film?

McNULTY: The *Washington Post* interviewed Justice Department attorneys in April of last year.

They said that this film is "An anti-government film and a dangerous film."

And it is—to those attorneys looking to prevent any erosion of the status quo of the Justice Department of this administration.

In that context this film could be very dangerous. Not because its going to foment a revolution—I hope it would never do that—but simply because the truth is dangerous to those who are hiding behind lies.

If all this information comes out—let me put it to you this way—if Janet Reno is considered subject to the action of impeachment for failure to appoint a special persecutor in the case of the campaign funding fun and games going on in the White House, how much more culpable or susceptible to impeachment would she be for her involvement as an accessory to a mass homicide and the subsequent cover up?

The truth is the truth. Facts are facts. There are things that can and have to be done. The only reason that they won't be if there is further obfuscation and obstruction of justice. In such a case that can only go on for so long before the people will rise up and demand justice, as they did with Richard Nixon,

appropriately. Just as they did in a number of other occasions when the American people were given the opportunity to make the decision.

There's an interesting story regarding some of the key evidence in the film as shown by the FLIR (Forward-Looking Infra Red) videotape made by the FBI. We had that tape in our possession for 18 months before we were informed about the very special information that was included in that videotape. That information being the thermal images of gunfire.

One William Colby, the former director of the CIA, is the person who sent a representative to inform us that indeed this videotape contained hard-core evidence of the government's misdeed.

GLASS: Can you elaborate on Colby's involvement with this gentleman that informed you?

McNULTY: This gentleman came to inform us at Mr. Colby's direction. More than that I really don't want to talk about. Other than to say that within two weeks after the presentation of that information Mr. Colby was found face down in the Potomac River in a canoeing accident.

GLASS: Just to clear this in my mind—you had possession of the thermal image tape?

McNULTY: For some 18 months prior to Mr. Colby's contact with us informing us of the thermal images on that same videotape.

GLASS: You had the tape—but not being professionals in the field of thermal photography you were not able to recognize the signature flashes of gunfire even though they were on the tape that you had?

McNULTY: And neither did the United States Congress when they looked at it in July of 1995.

GLASS: However when experienced professionals reviewed the tape they were in fact able to identify the signatures of automatic weapons.

McNULTY: Not only our experts but experts hired by *60 Minutes*—Mike Wallace *60 Minutes* CBS News. They also concurred and added a few more points.

GLASS: Let me get this straight. A representative of Mr. Colby first made you aware of the thermal image signatures of automatic weapons fire?

McNULTY: That is correct.

GLASS: So one can assume that Mr. Colby viewed the film independently of you—he had another copy of it?

McNULTY: He did.

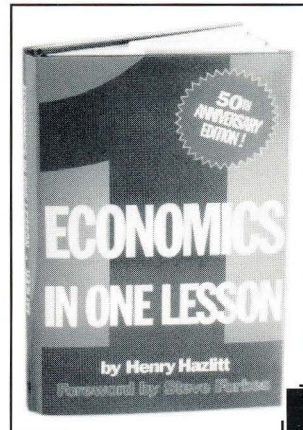
GLASS: And that he saw what happened on the tape and at that point he decided it was important information and that you should

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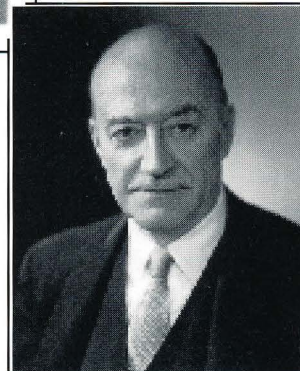


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be made aware of it?

McNULTY: I can't tell you what his thought process was.

GLASS: OK. But what we do know is that a gentleman representing Mr. Colby came to you and told you what?

McNULTY: He not only told us there's stuff on the tape; he gave us specific time frames that are noted on the running clock on the tape within a fraction of a second. He told us what to look for and where to look for it. We took it to our experts and they identified what the images were.

GLASS: And the gentlemen that made you aware of it – his name is?

McNULTY: Gordon Novel.

GLASS: That name keeps on popping up in the strangest places. Who is Gordon Novel? What is his background?

McNULTY: Gordon Novel worked in the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations. He is the man allegedly responsible for the missing 18 minutes of tape on Richard Nixon's subpoenaed White House tapes in the Watergate affair.

He intimates but never says exactly that he has CIA connections.

GLASS: Well obviously if he is representing Bill Colby he does.

McNULTY: If you look his name up in Lexus Nexus or in the library you'll find out that he goes back a long ways. He's got a lot of history.

GLASS: How old a man is he?

McNULTY: He's about 56, 57 years old. Gordon thinks highly of himself and in some instances for good reason. A lot of people will tend to shine him on or ignore him because he is so obnoxious. But they really shouldn't. You never ignore Gordon. You never take everything he says as gospel. But you never ignore him because he always has interesting things to say.

And Gordon was helpful, particularly in the area of passing that information along. The problem with people like Gordon Novel is that they become marginalized and easily dismissed by the government because for all intents and purposes he is a little on the nut cake side, but you never want to ignore somebody like that. He's done a lot of good work. He's worked very hard and long on this. A lot of it gratis – he never got paid for it, on the Waco issue.

GLASS: Do you know how he got involved in the Waco affair?

McNULTY: He's an investigator for Ramsey Clark. He has worked with a series of attorneys that have been involved in the civil litigation against the government on behalf of the Branch Davidians.

GLASS: *Two weeks after he came to you with that information Colby was found dead in the canoeing accident?*

McNULTY: A canoeing accident on the Potomac. He's an extremely experienced canoeist. The water was flat and level – placid water. My understanding is that he was wearing a life vest. My understanding is also that in covert operations one of the fondest techniques used for murder are boating accidents because it's extremely difficult to prove foul play.

Now—was Mr. Colby murdered? I can't say. But it sure seemed curious that within two weeks of us receiving the information from him he shows up suddenly dead in a "boating accident." And he's a master canoeist or he was a master canoeist.

GLASS: If I recall that incident correctly, that was water that was on his property or near his property.

McNULTY: He had some river front property on the Potomac. He was very familiar with it. It makes great fodder for the conspiracy theorists. But I can't say that Mr. Colby died as a direct result of this information he passed along to us.

GLASS: Well, here we have the former director of the Central Intelligence Agency dying under very odd circumstances—

McNULTY: After providing us with some very crucial information in a major case. And then the information was provided to us with the explicit proviso that these gentlemen who were presenting this information were interested in obtaining the rights to the film.

GLASS: They wanted you to sell them the rights to the film?

McNULTY: They wanted the negative, the print, and the whole enchilada. And I asked them what they were interested in it for. And their response was that they were interested in it on the basis of, shall we say, using it as a club to beat another agency in line that had been expanding their operations on CIA's turf, vis-a-vi the FBI. And its foreign expansion of operations into what had been traditionally CIA turf.

GLASS: *Are we talking about the CIA using that tape as leverage or blackmail or whatever to pressure or influence the FBI to take a step back?*

McNULTY: They made clear to us their desire that the FBI back off their harassment of citizens in this country as well in terms of its activities such as Waco and Ruby Ridge. And yes that was our implicit observation of the communicators representing this request to us.

GLASS: Was this request made as an official request from the Central Intelligence Agency?

McNULTY: Was their documentation and official photographs of the individuals presenting themselves with ID cards etc., etc? No.

GLASS: Did they identify themselves as employees of the CIA?

McNULTY: They did not. But this was the same person that brought us the information initially.

GLASS: I got you.

McNULTY: So we had every reason to believe that he had authenticity because of where the information came from initially. We considered their offer, which was rather substantial in terms of money.

GLASS: Can you tell us how much?

McNULTY: They said something about five times the minimal estimated retail intake.

GLASS: Which is?

McNULTY: Which would have been two million.

GLASS: So five times two million.

McNULTY: Yea.

GLASS: So they offered you ten million dollars?

McNULTY: Essentially yes.

GLASS: Had you given them that

film, was it your understanding that the film never would have been seen?

McNULTY: They made it clear that if we took the offer that we would be no longer responsible for the film. They would take care of it and the public would never see it.

GLASS: *So basically you were offered a ten million-dollar bribe—*

McNULTY: No, no, no, no. We were offered a ten million-dollar buy-out.

GLASS: OK. A ten million-dollar "buy out" essentially to spike the film that you had made?

McNULTY: Yea. Say goodbye to the film. I considered that for about 15 seconds. I think it took the executive producer and the director another 15 seconds to consider it. We all came to the same conclusion. And we told this to whoever it was that was offering us all of this money for saying goodbye to our film.

And that conclusion was this – well it seems to us that you fellas in the alphabet soup agencies have been playing this backroom cloak and dagger game for some 50 years now. And we've gotten to the point where honest citizens are dying because of it, at least innocent citizens that were never proven guilty of anything. And we thought that there was another group of people that could do a better job of handling this kind of intrigue than

these agencies had. And that was the American people. So we declined their gracious offer and soon after that received death threats that were never acted on.

GLASS: Obviously.

McNULTY: Obviously because I'm here. But it's just plausible enough to be real. Implausible enough to not be real. In other words they have plausible deniability.

GLASS: Right

McNULTY: Everything that occurred was well documented. We know who they claim to have been.

And certainly this information came about in strange and mysterious ways.

GLASS: As it always does.

McNULTY: As it always does. We can never say that Bill Colby handed me this tape on August 5, 1995 etc., etc, but it didn't just happen either.

GLASS: I think what is significant is the fact that the people who made you that offer, whoever they were, pointed out specific and crucial technical details of the film which had heretofore been unknown.

McNULTY: Correct, but have now subsequently been confirmed by not only our experts but also by a number of others.

GLASS: Including people hired by *60 Minutes*?

McNULTY: Indeed. And so one has to ask the question, the deep philosophical question, "What the hell is going on here?"

GLASS: Well, what the hell is going on?

McNULTY: There is a certain genre of activity here that most of us have only watched Bill Cosby do on *I Spy*. Exactly how far it goes, how real it is, who can say? The one saving grace of any of those kinds of operations is plausible deniability. It never happened, OK. And it leaves people like us looking silly to make statements like this.

We have adequate proof that what we're saying is accurate. It has that ring of reasonable truthfulness in that it's not that exotic, it's not that strange. There is factual support for what we're saying.

But likewise I'm sure that if a reporter from the *New York Times* asked the current director of the CIA was Colby involved in bringing authoritative information to us in order to expose the FBI – He'd say "I have no idea." And he might be right. But people died.

Mr. Colby if indeed he died as a result of his involvement with us and not for some other reason is not the only individual who died during the process of the making of this film.

GLASS: Who else died?

McNULTY: There's a gentleman by the name of Eddie Pack who supplied us with footage in the early stages of my investigation. He died a very mysterious death from exposure to a rather large burst of microwave energy, which dealt him a very serious blow called cancer.

Microwave energy can be used to erase videotapes from long distances, which is what happened in this circumstance. It appears that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Eddie had a habit of intercepting downlink material off of satellites. He came up with some very unusual videotape that was made originally by television networks regarding the events at Waco. Never saw the light of day on the air.

GLASS: How old was Eddie when he died?

McNULTY: Oh gosh, I'm not sure. I think he was in his mid fifties, early fifties. He wound up receiving very serious radiation burns in his esophagus and his throat as a result of his exposure to this microwave energy. They ulcerated and he couldn't eat. Over a period of time something less than 12 months the ulcers became cancerous. What really got him was the fact that he had been so irradiated that he actually developed cancer of the bone and it spread rapidly throughout his body and in a matter of days he was gone.

There were three others men also killed. Actually four but in two separate instances.

One was an "accident" that involved three of his friends that he was supposed to have been with.

He had a musical repair business back in North Carolina. He used to repair musical instruments for all of the school districts in the three-state area. He was a musician – a very accomplished musician and used to play back-up in Nashville for a number of well-known recording artists – country western.

He and his friends, his fellow musicians used to go to these recording sessions as back-up studio musicians.

On the evening of January 14, 1994, the four of them were supposed to go to a performance. He got a call and went to another gig. These other three gentlemen, one or two of which had been involved in surreptitious activity in support of what we were trying to do in terms of getting videotapes, went to the original performance.

They had been followed and all kinds of strange stuff. The three of them were travelling in a van on U.S. Highway 221, which ran out of gas on a causeway over a lake in North Carolina.

They were hit and struck by a car – a plain vanilla sedan with two gentlemen in it. The accident was witnessed by this woman who stopped and hollered at these two men who had exited

their vehicle to inspect what had happened to these men now lying on the ground after having been struck by them. She advised them that she would go to the end of the causeway over the lake they were on and call an ambulance.

When she came back the plain vanilla car was gone. The two individuals in the car were gone and the three individuals that were laying on the pavement were now in several pieces strung along the highway having been run over multiple times.

The local sheriff did not investigate.

GLASS: What are the names of these people?

McNULTY: Reverend Roger Howard, his 17-year-old son, Manual Howard and James Ray Dobbins.

There was another individual who was helping Eddie financially. Government agents had told the school districts that Eddie was servicing that he was some sort of crazy right wing militia nut and that they shouldn't do business with him. They said that he was yelling and screaming and writing letters off to Mr. Clinton and Miss Reno about what he had seen and was creating quite a stir. As a result of this Eddie's business suffered dramatically.

Eddie's son was a police officer and had his police car searched ostensibly for videotapes by federal agents. Eddie's house had been surreptitiously visited on numerous occasions. On one of those occasions the latest series of videotapes he had made off of the

downlink feed from the satellite dish had been erased. They had been reduced to nothing but white noise, stacked up in a pyramid in front of his television and the front door left open. A little calling card if you will. Eddie's house and car had been the targets of drive-by shootings.

When things had reached rock bottom for Eddie this one man came to his aid financially. He was helping him survive. He was a truck driver who owned a trucking business and he died in a one-vehicle accident one day in clear weather in a rollover of mysterious origins.

So people have died in the process of getting all of this done.

GLASS: Now that the tape is out and you've distributed copies numbering in the thousands, you're probably safer now than you were before because if they killed you now – it would just sort of –

McNULTY: It wouldn't do them any good.

GLASS: Right. It would just make the tape a hotter commodity.

McNULTY: I'm not volunteering for that duty, mind you.

My dad always taught me that if you are going to dance with the devil you do it in the sunshine so the boogiemer can't get you in the shadows.

GLASS: My point being that whether the death threats made

against you were real or if they wanted to kill you or whatever — the point is that if they killed you now — after the fact it would only add more credibility to the message of the film.

McNULTY: And likewise it wasn't just me. OK? Bill Gazeki and I had an interesting episode in Waco. We were standing out in front of what is called the "Magbag" which is a location where —

GLASS: It was a garage, wasn't it?

McNULTY: It was a garage where they repaired autos in addition to the many businesses that they had. They had a gun-dealing business, they had a rock and roll

band, and they had a car restoration business.

And the Magbag was the place where they did the car restoration.

We were standing — gosh this was a few years ago — out in front of the Magbag doing what's called "B roll" where you just film scenery and scenes and settings for fill-in in the film.

And this plain vanilla sedan of late make with two Ivy League groomed gentlemen went whizzing by us. We were standing by the side of the road with a big Beta cam camera with a big tripod, etc. and they must have been going 65 or 70 miles per hour down this country road. They got down to the end of the Y intersection and did a high speed U turn, like you see in any cop movie.

GLASS: Steve McQueen — *Bullet*.

McNULTY: Yea. Steve McQueen *Bullet* kind of stuff. And came hauling back to where we were standing. They pulled up even with us so we couldn't see the license plates front or back and stepped out of the car and proceeded to ask us if we were making a movie.

They introduced themselves as a local and his friend who was a tourist. We asked the "tourist" what he did and he said that he was some sort of a biochemist who had a lot of knowledge about things like methalyne chloride, which was the carrier ingredient of the CS gas at Waco.

And they began to tell us more about our movie than we

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ourselves knew.

And they never identified themselves beyond being a tourist and a local businessman and they began getting really irritated with us and telling us that in threatening tones. They started yelling that we couldn't make a movie on this subject because we didn't know what we were talking about, that we didn't really know what happened. And I'm wondering who are you to tell us that we don't know? What do you know? Who are you?

So we decided when the one gentleman who was the biochemist – when the veins started to bulge out of his neck and his face started to turn red and he started yelling and screaming that maybe it was a good time to leave. So we packed our gear, threw it in the back of the car and pardoned ourselves with the explanation that we had other things to do and so long.

As the director got into the car he yelled back over his shoulder "And don't forget get our names right in the reports."

They didn't take that kindly. So we left.

Two days later we were at the Dallas airport 100 miles away leaving for Boston and here come these same two individuals walking down the thoroughfare just as we're starting to board. And they make like they don't see us and go over and stand in this food line a little further down the concourse.

As we boarded our aircraft I went through the gate and peeked around the corner and I saw that they had left the food line with no food in their hands and started

walking over to the gate.

Who were these guys? Well, anybody that can read between the lines could say that they were probably FBI agents trying to put a little pressure on us not to do what we were doing. That kind of thing.

And so Gazeki and I had those occasions. Mr. Gifford, the executive producer had some problems last year with state taxes. I've had my problems with the IRS and Mr. Gazeki was told that he was being audited just a couple of weeks ago.

Is the government putting pressure on us? I find it curious that all three of us could be having problems with the tax collec-

tors right at a time when we produce and release a film critical of the government.

The odds of all three of us having problems with taxes at the same time are not very likely.

So I would say yeah that they're on to us and looking for ways to pressure us but it's a little late.

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The SKS Carbine

The Poor Man's Assault Rifle by Jan Reno

It's not pretty, it doesn't do anything exceptionally well but it is reliable. Unlike my first wife, who wasn't pretty, didn't do anything exceptionally well and was never on time a day in her life. But that's another story which we won't get into right now.

For the time being we'll talk about the SKS rifle which is a lot more interesting than my first wife and infinitely more dependable. If you don't already have an SKS rifle you should go out and buy one. Well that's a pretty strong statement you're probably saying to yourself. What's so great about this rifle and why should I run out and buy one?

I'm glad you asked me that question. First of all they're cheap real cheap. You can buy one from

your friendly local gun shop or from your brother in law with an FFL for under \$250. If you're lucky and persistent you might find one used at a gun show for less than that.

About a year ago they were almost half that price but as the supply continued to dwindle in the face of increasing demand it was inevitable that the prices would go up. That's Economics 101 in a nutshell. For those of you who never went to college, I just saved you about \$40,000. For those of who went to college I guess you got beat.

President Clinton who was so terribly concerned about human rights violations in China banned the importation of any Chinese military weapons or ammunition

from entering this country in 1994. The overwhelming majority of SKS rifles in this country were from China.

But Bill Clinton staying true to form with his pragmatic policy of "everything is negotiable to the highest bidder" allowed the importation of everything else from China including millions of dollars of dirty money that ended up in the pockets of the Democratic National Committee and his re-election campaign. But that too is story for another day.

At the peak of Sino-Soviet tensions in the 1970s the Chinese produced literally millions of SKS rifles to be issued to their citizens in the event of a prolonged guerilla war against an invading Soviet Army. *Jane's*, the authoritative



SKS Chinese type 56 Carbine

*Samozaryadnyi Karabin Sisyemi
Sinonova Obrazets 1945g*

Specifications & Operation

Cartridge: 7.62 x 39mm (Russian)

Muzzle Velocity: 2,410 fps

Dimensions: Length 40.2 inches

Barrel Length: 20.5 inches

Weight: 8.5 Lbs

Operating System: Semiautomatic

Capacity: 10rds non-detachable box magazine staggered row. (*Rifle on top is a variation with detachable AK mag*).

Nominal Rate of Fire: 480 rounds per minute

Countries of Manufacture: People's Republic of China, Russia, (*multiple variants of this weapon were manufactured in most of the former Communist countries of the world.*)

Price: Approximately \$250.00

publication on weapons estimates that over 15 million SKS rifles have been made world wide.

Despite the fact that the SKS in an original Russian design it was shamelessly copied and mass produced in China like virtually all of China's weapons, something their former Communist allies and mentors should have been proud of.

This of course was the same rifle being supplied to the Vietcong guerillas simultaneously by the Russians and Chinese and was used with devastating effectiveness against American forces in Vietnam.

As the threat of war with the Soviet Union eventually evaporated and trade with the west began to grow, the Chinese found themselves desperate for hard foreign currency. At this point the People's Liberation Army was well equipped with AK-47s or better, so it was an easy decision to dump the SKS rifles in their inventories on the American market and dump they did.

Over a million of the Chinese military rifles made it to these shores. With the warehouses of wholesalers bursting at the seams with these guns everyone was willing to deal. At the peak of the frenzy the wholesale price of the SKS rifle was as low as \$65.00! Not surprisingly at this time the 7.62 x 39 ammunition for the SKS rifles was also cheap selling for ten cents per a round.

As more American shooters, hunters, plinkers, survivalists, and those with an urge to take a pot shot at the White House began to appreciate the merits of this ubiquitous weapon the Russians also got into the act.

Importers began to bring in sizeable numbers of Russian SKS rifles as well and I suppose its only fair considering that the SKS (CKC in Cyrillic Russian) — Simonov semiautomatic carbine is a distinctly Russian weapon.

Think back to the pictures of the Russian honor guards with somber faces, goose stepping in slow motion outside of Lenin's tomb in the bitter cold with their ear lobes about to fall off with their austere rifles with bayonets frozen to their rigid arms — those are SKS rifles.

Like with their red book toting comrades, the Soviet military never used the SKS for their front line troops but kept it relegated to home guard and ceremonial duties. They were also quite generous supplying terrorist and revolutionary movements around the world with these guns throughout the cold war.

Clinton tightened the noose around the neck of the Russian guns by pressuring the Department of Commerce not to issue any import permits to those companies asking for permission to bring them in. The position we find ourselves in now, the spring of 1998 is that there is still a good supply of SKS rifles in the country thanks to the fact that so many were brought into the county in the last decade.

The bad news is that it is highly unlikely that any more of these fine weapons will ever be imported legally again.

As time goes on the existing supply will continue to shrink and prices will inevitably go up.

President Clinton, our beloved, fearless and omniscient leader signed an executive order banning the importation of all semi automatic military type weapons. During the initial 120 days that BATF was to re-evaluate their criteria by which they judged the "Legitimate Sporting purpose" of such weapons, they refused to change their traditionally liberal interpretation of "sporting firearms".

According to the 1968 Gun Control Act only weapons that have a legitimate sporting purpose may be brought into the country. Up until now the BATF has been reasonable about using that discretionary power.

President Clinton usurped the judgement of this federal police agency by issuing his own executive order banning the importation of such weapons. This was yet one more way in which the president circumvented the established policy-making machinery of the government to achieve his own ends.

What all this means quite simply that the price of the guns can only go up. Even though the guns cost twice as much as they did a year ago they are still one helluva bargain and the price ain't

going down. Any questions?

So stop bitching about what you coulda shoulda woulda done a year ago and be glad that you can still get them at a cheap price.

Which brings us back to the first point I was making about why they are so good and why you must run out and buy one. As we've established the gun is inexpensive.

The SKS is reliable. The rifle is robust, sturdy and will function in the most adverse conditions. Like with any mechanism or weapon with moving parts it needs to be kept clean and well lubricated. But the SKS is very forgiving about poor or nonexistent maintenance.

The SKS was originally designed as an antitank rifle. The PTRS was an earlier rifle by Simonov designed to defeat German armor with its 14.5 x 114 mm cartridge. With the pressures of war leaving precious little time for research and development Simonov utilized his proven and robust design of the PTRS anti tank rifle as the basis of his new infantry rifle, the SKS.

One result of this hasty evolution is that the SKS is over engineered for the intermediate 7.62 x 39 cartridge that it shoots. Consequently there is more rifle around that round than there needs to be which means that it is extremely rugged and reliable albeit a little heavy weighing in at 3.86 Kg.

When shouldering and

aiming the weapon it feels much lighter than it actually is which is a testimony to its efficient yet simple design. The SKS is a semiautomatic weapon and unlike its cousins was never made in full auto configuration.

Yes, like with any semi automatic weapon it can be made to fire full auto but unless you have a burning desire to be on the next episode of *COPS or America's Most Wanted*, it is a project better left undone. As other unfortunate garage tinkers have learned the hard way, the Efrem Zimbalist, Juniors of the world have no sense of humor.

The SKS comes with an integral ten round magazine which can be removed from the gun, but is not recommended unless you are taking the gun down for cleaning. The SKS is fed from the top of the rifle by means of a ten round curved stripper clip. With a little bit of practice this can be done quite quickly.

The stripper clips unlike conventional magazines weigh virtually nothing and cost less than a dollar. There are plenty of Chinese PLA chest pouches that will hold 200 rounds on 20 stripper clips in ten pouches typically costing about \$15. An SKS rifle and a full PLA chest pouch should be your passport into any party.

The accuracy of the SKS is certainly not match grade but it is well within what is acceptable for a military rifle. Average groups at a hundred meters are typically three to four inches but tighter groups are not uncommon.

The ballistics of the 7.62 x 39 cartridge are virtually

identical to the .30-30 which is the caliber of the classic Winchester 94 lever action deer rifle. Yes, it is perfectly legal to hunt big game with this rifle in all 50 states as long as your magazine can only hold five rounds.

The effective range of the round is about 300 meters. This can be stretched a bit with a long barrel and good optics but if you plan on engaging targets beyond that distance you should plan on doing it with a different rifle.

The felt-recoil is very mild and you can shoot this rifle all day without a sore shoulder. Women and children that are not too small should have no problem at all shooting the SKS.

In the market there are a staggering number of after market accessories currently available for the SKS.

And as we all know, accessories make the outfit. In fact there are probably more gadgets and gizmos out there for the SKS than any other rifle. This is a testimony to the popularity and versatility of the weapon.

One of the most common after market goodies to be seen are extended magazines. Keep in mind that as part of the Crime Bill of 1994 it is not legal to import or manufacture any magazine over ten rounds. Thusly as time goes on such magazines will become harder to find and they will be more expensive. Current availability is good but many sources have already dried up. If

these are something you think you want don't wait too long.

There are original Chinese PLA 20 round magazines out there which fit and work the exact same way as the 10 round magazines that the gun comes with. When put in the gun this magazine will protrude another inch and a half beyond the ten round magazine but it is quite manageable, very reliable and can be fed with the original stripper clips from the top of the rifle.

There are 30-round banana shaped magazines available from USA magazines and others that are not so quickly detachable. These high capacity magazines will typically cost about \$30. —cheaper at gun shows. These magazines will dramatically affect the outline of the rifle and cannot be fed from stripper clips. Their reliability is not as good as the original PLA 20 round magazines but USA will keep on sending you new magazines if the ones you use don't work.

There are kits on the market, which will enable your SKS to accept the more reliable and quick detachable 30-round AK-47 magazines. I would avoid these kits like a Hong Kong chicken because they don't work worth a damn and the conversion on Chinese rifles is illegal.

As a matter of fact it is illegal to put an extended magazine on any Chinese SKS rifle, but not so with the Russian SKS rifles. It is also illegal to put a bayonet on the Chinese SKS rifles even though most of them come with bayonet lugs and the ones that were imported a few

years back actually came with bayonets. The Russian SKS rifles all come with bayonets and it is perfectly legal.

No, there is no technical difference between the rifles.

The Russian SKS rifles are for the most part of a higher quality than their Chinese copies, but they function exactly the same way and all parts are interchangeable.

You can expect to pay \$50. to \$75. more for a Russian SKS **if you can find one.** They are getting to be about as rare as honest politicians.

The law makes a distinction between the Russian and Chinese rifles because of their dates of manufacture. The Chinese SKS rifles are currently produced or more accurately were recently produced which classifies them as "military weapons." The Russian SKS rifles that were produced in the 1950's have their receivers dated accordingly and have been classified as a "Curio and Relics."

Yes, this is quite absurd. No, do not attempt to use reason or logic to understand this. Do not attempt to adjust your TV set, they are in control. Sorry got a little carried away there.

There were a relative handful of SKS rifles imported to this country that were factory converted in China to accept the high capacity AK-47 magazines. These rifles typically cost anywhere from \$50. to \$100. more

than the standard SKS rifles but they are completely legal and reliable although becoming very difficult to find.

There are a number of scope mounts and scopes on the market specifically made for the SKS. A scope will make the rifle bulkier and heavier and a bit more difficult to handle but will of course increase accuracy over greater distances.

You might want to experiment shooting your rifle at increasingly longer distances without a scope and see how you do. After all the maximum range of the cartridge is not that great and you may find a scope unnecessary.

On the other hand if you are no longer a part of the Pepsi generation and find yourself on the wrong side of 40 a scope might be just the thing to make your ex wife's favorite piece of China explode at 200 meters. (Granted not as satisfying as seeing your ex wife explode at 200 meters but a lot more socially acceptable.)

Most of the scope mounts available replace the rear receiver cover on the rifle and have an integral weaver style base. These mounts work quite well and cost around \$30. Some of these mounts may need a few file strokes to make them fit. After all, this is not a precision German sniper rifle.

As far as the scopes themselves are concerned the sky is the limit. You can go nuts and spend big bucks on a German piece of glass but unless you just found Janet Reno's credit card this doesn't make much sense. There are a lot of small 3-5 power scopes also made in China that will work

just fine. Typically these will cost anywhere from \$30. to \$50. depending upon the model.

Another popular accessory that actually makes sense is a different stock. Most of the SKS rifles have a short stock and like Asian mail order brides, most American men find them too short. This can be remedied either by a stock extension or a new stock altogether (on the rifle, not the bride).

Companies such as Choate, Advanced Technologies, Fiberforce and others offer thumb hole Draganov style as well as more traditional Monte Carlo hunting stocks more suitable to the average American shooter. These stocks are made with virtually indestructible, high tech polymer plastics. There are also folding stocks available but these are becoming increasingly difficult to find, not to mention the fact that they are not legal to put on the Chinese rifles.

Before you go out and spend more money on accessories than you did on your rifle, shoot your rifle as it is and see if you really need anything at all. Many people are perfectly content to leave their SKS rifles just as they are. The Vietcong seemed to do just fine with theirs. Most of the other accessories out there are a waste of money.

Like the rifles themselves ammunition for them is cheap. Not as cheap as it once was, but then again what is? A box of 20 rounds will typically cost around \$5., with significant savings incurred if you buy the ammunition by the case.

The Russian hollow point

and Czech Sellier & Bellot ammunition is plentiful. On a retail level you can expect to pay about \$3.50 per box if you buy it in case lots. Cases range from 900-1,440 rounds per case.

You can get it even cheaper by ordering it in the mail. You do not need any special licensing to purchase bulk ammo in the mail – not yet anyway. Yes it is a hassle, no they will not send it C.O.D. and you will not make friends with the UPS man.

Also there is a significant value in giving business to your local gun shop. These guys are doing a great service by being there and it is within your rational self-interest to pay a little more and keep them in business.

But unlike guns, you do not have to go through them to buy ammo and if money is really tight, you will save a few bucks by ordering it yourself. If you do not currently own a rifle, but have given some thought as to what you might have to do to defend your life, family and property in a bad situation an SKS is not a bad investment.

If you are already a shooter and have more expensive, higher quality weapons than the SKS you should get one anyway. A little insurance is not such a bad thing. If you get your guns taken away from you – as Karl Malden used to say – What will you do? **What will you do?**

As an added incentive to buy an SKS now keep in mind that beginning December 1st, 1998 the FBI will run mandatory background checks for **ALL** firearms sales. In addition to the

added expense of your purchase big brother will know which type of gun you buy including the serial number.

This amounts to defacto gun registration despite the fact that such national registration is prohibited by the 1968 Gun Control Act.

Having the old spare SKS rifle covered in cosmoline buried in a PVC tube in an accessible location might just come in handy some day. You never know. They would have been a hot commodity in the Warsaw Ghetto, Tiananmen Square or even post-Rodney King Los Angeles.

There is a good book on the market by Duncan Long entitled incredibly enough *The SKS*. If you're the kind of tech weenie that wants to know about things like barrel twist, cyclic rate, metallurgy, date of manufacture and so forth, go into your local gun shop with a stop watch, ask them all of your idiotic questions and see how it long it takes before they throw you out of their store.

The SKS is not my first choice for a military rifle but you can do plenty worse. If I found myself in harm's way with one I would feel confident. Considering the amount of rifle you get for your money, nothing else on the market can touch it. It is a small price to pay for a well-made weapon that one day just might save your freedom if not your life.

SELECTING A PERSONAL DEFENSE KNIFE

by Michael Janich

There are a number of basic criteria that must be remembered when choosing a knife for self defense. While the first rule of knife fighting is, of course, *have a knife*, not every knife is well suited to use as a defensive weapon.

The four basic considerations for a self defense knife are blade length, blade shape, strength, and deployability. I consider all these factors equally important to a good defensive blade, so their presentation here is not in any order of importance.

The length of the blade you choose is important because it determines which targets you can successfully hit, as well as the ease with which a particular knife can be carried. A folding knife with a two-inch blade is more than sufficient to cut the arteries in your opponent's wrist, but it is useless if you plan

to stab him in the heart. Conversely, long blades like Bowies and full-sized daggers are certainly capable of hitting any target you might choose; however, they are generally too large for everyday street wear. As a practical compromise between effectiveness and convenience, a blade length of three to five inches is recommended.

There are literally hundreds of blade shapes and styles available, based on hundreds of years of designing knives for different uses. In a fight, you're going to be doing one of two things: cutting or thrusting. Hence the basic requirements for a blade design are an edge that will cut effectively and a point that is sharp enough to penetrate, yet stout enough not to break if you miss a soft target and happen to hit a belt buckle, bone, or other resilient material. These may seem like pretty simple guidelines, but amazingly

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there are some very popular knives marketed as self defense items that don't satisfy these requirements.

Like the point of your knife, the overall structure of your knife must also be strong enough to stand up to the abuse of a knife fight. For straight knives, a stout design with a substantial tang (the part of the blade that extends into the handle) is necessary. For folding knives, a strong, reliable locking mechanism is an absolute must. Anything less will probably cost you a few fingers (at the very least) the first time you try to stick your knife into somebody.

The final basic requirement of a self defense knife is what I call deployability. Odds are you won't receive an engraved invitation to a knife fight. It will happen suddenly, without warning, and often while you are in a disadvantaged position. Deployability means being able to get your knife from its carry position into the fully deployed, ready-to-cut-and-thrust mode quickly and from practically any position. Ideally it also means being able to do this one-handed with either hand.

Deployability is obviously a function of both knife design and sheath style, so both must be taken into consideration when you make your choice. It is not uncommon to find a suitable straight blade fighting knife that is housed in a poorly designed and entirely inadequate sheath. (Note: If this happens, buy the knife anyway and have a suitable sheath made for it.) As far as straight knife design goes, the primary prerequisite for a deployable knife are that its handle be large enough and suitably textured and shaped to provide a secure grip. The shape of the handle should also allow you to immediately orient the knife in your hand using tactile sense alone. In other words, as soon as you get the knife in your hand you should know which way the primary edge and false edge (secondary cutting edge) are facing by touch alone. Additionally, the guard of the knife, if any, must not be excessively large or shaped so that it might snag on your own clothing when drawn from concealment. Finally, sheath design and placement are the other determining factors in the deployability of a fixed blade knife.

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E. Paragon Tomy Lee Dagger. This classic boot knife reflects the essence of simplicity and elegance. Blade Length 4" MSRP \$160.

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Deploying folding knives is a slightly different problem since they require two separate movements to bring them into action. In addition to being able to retrieve the knife quickly from its carry position, it is critical that you be able to open it quickly and with only one hand. Knives that require two hands or complicated movements to open are apt to be fumbled or dropped when brought into action under pressure. Unlike sword duels in movies, an opponent on the street is not likely to let you pick up a dropped blade so you can continue the contest on equal terms.

The minimum criteria for a defense knife are just that: the absolute minimum qualities a knife must possess to be suitable for use as a weapon. Obviously, many knives satisfy these criteria, so how do you narrow down your choice? The answer is in your closet. *The primary determining factor in the selection of a self defense knife is the way you dress.* The clothing you wear and the image you choose to project, more than anything else, determine what kind of knife you can carry.

As I mentioned earlier, the first rule of knife fighting is to have a knife. The whole purpose of a self defense knife is having it with you when you need it. Too many people look only at a knife's potential as a weapon and choose knives which, though practical for carry on a belt or military load bearing equipment, cannot be effectively carried and concealed in normal street dress. Knives that are too much hassle to carry will often be left at home or in a vehicle and will not be available when you need them.

The first step in choosing a carry knife is to walk over to your closet and take a good look at the clothes you wear. Look at *everything* you wear and pay particular attention to your dress styles during different seasons. Look closely at the similarities and differences between your work clothes and your formal clothes and note any special clothing you might wear like running shorts or sweat pants. **Do not** disregard items of clothing that you only wear infrequently. If you're an average person, you will only be attacked infrequently and almost certainly without warning. Your goal must be to find a carry knife that is compatible with *all* your clothing styles so you can

ensure that you are armed *all* the time.

You may be tempted to buy several different knives to carry in different positions depending upon the style of dress you choose. For example, you might want to carry a folder in a belt sheath most of the time, but switch to a boot knife carried in a shoulder harness during the winter months when you regularly wear a jacket. The problem with this approach is that, like all weapon handling skills, drawing a defensive knife must be a conditioned reflex. When you are confronted by a situation which demands that you respond by drawing and possibly using a weapon, your actions must be swift and automatic. If you normally carry your knife in a belt pouch and suddenly switch to another carry, when forced to respond to a situation, you will most likely fall back on conditioned reflex and reach for your belt pouch. By the time you realize that your knife isn't there, you will have lost valuable seconds and will have warned your attacker that you are armed with some kind of weapon (even if you can't seem to find it). If he has any sense, he won't wait for you to make another attempt to retrieve your weapon and will drop you immediately.

Closely related to your style of dress is your stature. Your height and physical body size figure strongly in determining the type of clothes you wear. They are also critically important to determining what type of weapons you can comfortably carry. A guy who is six-foot-three could conceivably carry a full-sized combat knife in a shoulder harness or inside-the-pants sheath and never know it was there. Someone who's five-foot-eight would have a much tougher time with such carries because of his smaller stature. He might be more at home with a clip-style folder carried in the front of his waistband. This carry style, on the other hand, might not work for a guy with a substantial beer belly who would have to dig around under his paunch every time he wanted to retrieve his knife.

In addition to making sure that your knife and carry system are compatible with your stature and all your styles of dress, you should also consider if they fit with the image you want to project. If you choose to carry a folder openly in a belt pouch, you are

announcing to the world that you are armed with a knife. If you live on a ranch or work in a blue collar job, carrying a knife in that way would not attract undue attention. Conversely, if you wear a coat and tie and work in an office environment where being openly armed would elicit a negative reaction, you'd be better off looking for another carry style. Think carefully about how others see you and the image you want or need to maintain in your everyday life before you choose a carry style. Remember that your carry style should not change when you take off your coat and tie and put on jeans and a T-shirt.

Another important factor in choosing a carry knife is the nature of your everyday activities. That new boot knife may feel great tucked away at the back of your waistband and you may be lighting fast drawing it with either hand. However, if you spend most of your work day seated in a vehicle, such an arrangement is not practical. Drawing a knife from the back of your waistband while in a vehicle and wearing a seat belt is frustration that need not be experienced to be understood. In such a situation, carrying the knife in the front of your waistband, in a shoulder harness, or even in your boot would be a better solution.

Obviously, if you ever use your knife to defend yourself or if you are ever searched by the police, there is likely to be some legal consequence. Laws regulating weapons are often poorly written, but knife laws are notoriously imprecise and ambiguous. The determination of what constitutes a legal or illegal knife or a legally or illegally carried knife is often up to the whim of the police and the courts. As such, the question of legality as it applies to carrying a knife for self defense basically boils down to how much hassle you are willing to endure if your blade is found on your person. If you have to use your knife in a fight, you will do so because you fear for your own life or the life of a loved one. In that context, the legality of carrying that knife will be of secondary concern to simply ensuring your own survival. In such a case, the old saying "I'd rather be tried by 12 than carried by six" still rings true.

It is nevertheless a good idea to research the laws regarding the carrying of knives in your area and try to choose a knife that complies as closely as possible to the spirit of these laws. The best way to do this is to go to the local library and check the revised statutes for your state. If you live in or near a large city, also check any applicable municipal laws on the subject. Use the index to find the laws that pertain to weapons and make a photocopy of that section to retain for your reference. Make sure you get the most recent version, as laws can change frequently.

If the laws are so ambiguous or your need for a substantial defensive blade is so acute that choosing a "legal" knife is impossible, at least be aware of the legal risk you're taking and have the name of a good lawyer handy just in case.

One final note on legal issues: Although many knife writers suggest checking with your local police to find out what types of knives can be legally carried, I don't recommend it. I've tried it several times and have never gotten an answer that even came close to what the law actually described. Law enforcement officers are understandably afraid of facing knives on the street and aren't above telling a few white lies to discourage you from carrying a blade. They also know from actual experience that knife laws are so imprecise that it's impossible for them to say what type of knife would be ruled legal in court.

By following these guidelines, you can choose a knife that will serve you well in a fight and, more importantly, can be carried comfortably enough so it will be there when you need it most.

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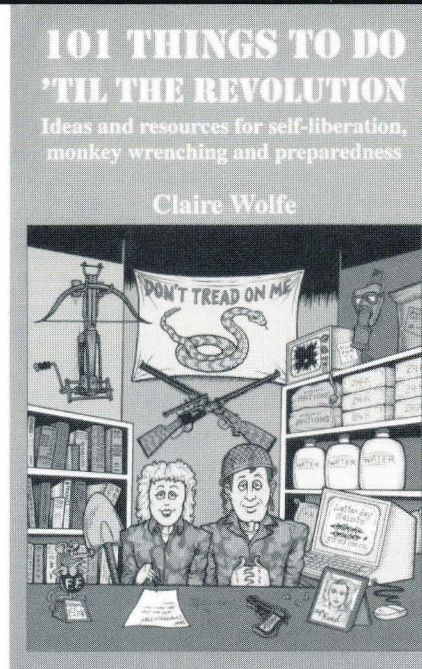
101 Things to Do 'Til the Revolution Comes

Every so often a book comes along with a title that is just so intriguing you feel compelled to pick it up and browse a little further. Claire Wolfe's *101 Things To Do 'Til The Revolution* (published by Loompanics) clearly falls into that category for obvious reasons.

Having come of age in the 60's and read *The Anarchist Cookbook*, *Steal This Book* and other left of center classics I was afraid that Claire Wolfe's book might be a '90s version of the same thing. Much to my surprise and delight *101 Things To Do 'Til The Revolution* is written from a decidedly pro-Constitution, libertarian point of view with a "take no prisoners" attitude.

The subject matter of the book deals with precisely what its subtitle suggests and that is ideas for self-liberation, monkey wrenching and preparedness. Claire Wolf is without a doubt a very astute and articulate woman. She has spent a great deal of time pondering the central questions that everyone involved in the freedom movement must face. Those are what we can do to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the bad guys? How can we best prepare our families and ourselves for the rough times ahead? And lastly, how can we break the chains of the tyrant?

In the foreward to her book she writes: "America is at the awkward stage. It's too late to work within the system, but too



early to shoot the bastards."

"On the road to tyranny, we've gone so far that polite political action is about as useless as a miniskirt in a convent. But most people are still standing around numb and confused, knowing something's terribly wrong with the country, but hoping it isn't quite as bad as they're beginning to suspect it is. Only a few folks with really cranky tempers or unusual foresight are ready to throw off their chains."

"Something's eventually going to happen...Maybe it'll be one more round of reasonable gun control or one more episode of burning children to death to save them from child abuse. Whatever. Something will snap. The time will come, and we'll all know it. People will force change - maybe from the barrel of a gun."

After laying the groundwork of where America is

headed in her introduction, she proceeds to give us 101 ideas for how to survive, resist and eventually triumph over tyranny. The focus of her work is on preparedness and things you can do now. Things that would fall under the heading of low intensity activities.

One of the great achievements of the book is how Claire Wolf manages to deal with life and death issues of survival and freedom with a sharp wit and a refreshing sense of humor. She has not succumbed to the sense of dread and despair that so many people have. Rather she is optimistic and defiant in her attitude and writing which makes her ideas that much more appealing.

Another welcome aspect to her writing is the fact that she is not obsessed with conspiracy theory picking out the anti-Christ or Russian tanks in the hills of Montana. Everything she talks about is firmly grounded in reality. In fact she makes a strong point about not believing rumors and Internet messages until they can be proven to be true.

For those of us who are just getting initiated in the freedom movement every page of this book should be required reading.

The topics included in the book cover a lot of ground. Some of them are home schooling, self-sufficiency, and maintaining privacy, stashing valuables, selecting an arsenal, networking

with others and 95 more.

For us old timers who have been around the block once or twice many of the ideas and suggestions in this book will seem obvious and elementary. And to those of us who actually fancy ourselves as knowledgeable we might even take issue with the author on a couple of things.

I for one took issue with the author over some of her suggestions on firearms selection. But to Claire Wolfe's credit she prefaces that chapter with the following caveat: "Any firearms devotee is bound to disagree with at least one of the suggested weapons on my list. Some will disagree with the entire list. A few will not only disagree with the entire list, but insist I'm a complete idiot, from a long line of complete

idiots who shouldn't be allowed out in public without a label on my forehead warning that I could be hazardous to your health."

Only a select handful of people fit that description, primordial slime like Charles Schumer, Teddy "the fish" Kennedy and Diane Feinstein to name a few. But we'll leave that barbecue for another day.

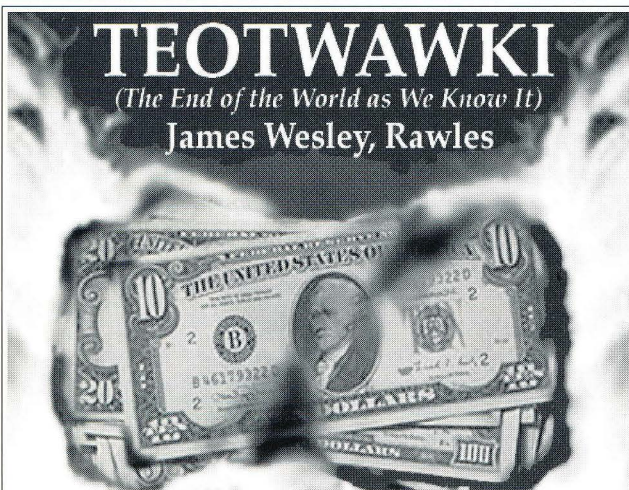
But even to an old hand like myself who has been involved with the freedom movement for more years than I care to admit I learned quite a few new things from Claire Wolfe's book.

Foremost among them are worthwhile sights to visit on the Internet and a truly splendid list of books to read. Among the topics on her reading lists are history, Founding Fathers, philosophers of

freedom, monkey wrenching, getting around the system, self-reliance, strategic thinking and fighting and political periodicals.

101 Thing To Do 'Till The Revolution will not tell you how to prepare detonation cord or what powder to use to reload rounds for your AK-47. Nor will you learn ambush techniques or how to knock out a tank with a molotov cocktail.

But Claire Wolfe's book is a thoroughly enjoyable read that will give you a great many ideas and sources for **doing something now**. And taking action no matter how incremental it might be is a whole lot better than doing nothing at all. If nothing else her book will give you a sense of comfort in knowing you are not alone.



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FALL IN by Bob Glass

Becoming a spokesman for your cause

A couple of years ago I was watching ABC's *Nightline* with Ted Kopel. The issue being discussed that evening was gun control. In keeping with *Nightline's* policy of hosting guests with diametrically opposing viewpoints they had New York Congressman Charles Schumer arguing for stricter gun control and the NRA's Tanya Metaksa arguing against such encroachments on our Second Amendment rights.

It can safely be said that the NRA for better or worse is the preeminent organization in the United States given the responsibility of protecting the rights of gun owners. I was very excited at the prospect of an intelligent, articulate, rational and focused individual feeding Schumer his lunch on national television.

Keep in mind Rep. Charles Schumer is the quintessential demagogue when it comes to exploiting human tragedy and using it for his own political gain.

He has made a career of parading the families of shooting victims before the media in a shameless attempt to manipulate human emotions and gain

sympathy for his ill-conceived, counterproductive, self-serving and unconstitutional pieces of legislation.

All of which ultimately serve to deprive American citizens of their individual liberty and at the same time give that much more power to the commissars and power brokers and the thugs they dispatch to enforce their laws.

What a golden opportunity I thought – here is Tanya Metaksa someone who must be well-versed in all of the issues with all of the relevant facts and data at her fingertips here to do battle with Sarah Brady's poster boy. Sit back with the popcorn and watch Charlie fry – NOT!

What could have and should have been a major media trouncing of a genuine fascist like Schumer by someone who by all rights was capable of using reason, logic, and all the relevant facts to make her argument on national television turned into a humiliating defeat for all those on the side of freedom.

After Schumer gave his standard homily about fighting crime by dissolving our gun rights Metaksa was unable to seize the moment and set the record straight once and for all. She side stepped all of the relevant facts pertaining to the debate and kept on repeating her whining litany of "All you are is a New York congressman pushing for gun control" or words

very similar to that effect.

Schumer responded by asking what relevance the fact that he was from New York had to do with anything and of course Metaksa now on the defensive was unable to answer him. Quite frankly it was embarrassing.

I sat there cringing, compelled to watch the spectacle of the NRA's flagship get torpedoed by one of the most loathsome and sleaziest men in congress, Charles Schumer.

"I could have done better than that," I said, shaking my head in disbelief, "I could have done better."

And suddenly in a Zen moment of perfect clarity I realized that I really could have done better. And that is the point of this story.

Don't assume that the person who the media chooses to represent your side of an issue is the best spokesperson available. Don't assume that just because someone represents the NRA or the Republican Party or the ACLU or NORML or is an avowed Conservative or Libertarian or a lawyer or whatever, that they are better qualified than you are to speak out on issues of liberty.

Now if you are of the extreme paranoid way of thinking you might say of course the media will deliberately pick the most incompetent fool they can find to represent the pro freedom side of any argument. I do not consider myself to be paranoid, nor do I subscribe to conspiracy theory, but my personal experience does lend some credibility to this argument.

I have been interviewed at length on issues of gun rights and free speech by the national media and for the most part they spiked anything I had to say of any substance and instead chose to use tiny sound bites that were neutered to the point of being harmless. Was I simply the victim of over-zealous editors making sure their shows had plenty of time for sports and weather? Or did someone make a

deliberate, conscious decision that I did not conform to the inarticulate redneck fool stereotype they were looking for to represent the side of gun owners? I don't know.

The fact remains that a great void exists out there waiting to be filled by intelligent and passionate spokesmen for liberty.

Right now stop reading this article and get a pen and a piece of paper. Go ahead, I'll wait. I know you can never find a pen when you need one. Now write down the list of names of all the brilliant people who so eloquently and articulately represent your

views in the media. Hmm, having a little bit of trouble, eh? Uh let's see, there's uh, well um, wait a minute, I guess it's a pretty small list at that.

If there were a bunch of names you could put on the list we wouldn't be in the bloody God-awful mess we're in, would we? So if there is no one out there that can do justice to representing your views in the marketplace of ideas, why don't you represent your own ideas? Hey, why not?

Thousand-dollar suits and dresses, a plaque on the wall from the Harvard debating team and membership in the town's exclusive country club are not qualifications to speak out on the issues. A sense of honor, honesty and integrity coupled with the willingness and determination to

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By virtue of the fact that you're reading *The Partisan* proves that you have the first two prerequisites and as Jack Nicholson would say, "Two out of three ain't bad." If you're funny too, then you win the triple crown which means you can quit your day job and tell William F. Buckley to start selling soap for Amway.

Before we do anything quite so drastic however there is one very important point to keep in mind. You are every bit as qualified as anyone else to speak out on the issues. Remember that your good name is going to be associated with what you say. So do your homework, think about exactly what it is you want to say and don't be afraid to express passion for your beliefs. There is no reason why you cannot become recognized as an authority on any subject on either a local or national level.

Which is not to say that you can just pick up the phone tomorrow and tell Ted Koppel that you're available for the next *Nightline*. But it does mean that tonight you can sit down with pen in hand in front of your computer and start punching some keys. Who knows you just might surprise yourself.

If you don't like what you write, that's OK. Throw it away and start all over again. Maybe you wrote two pages of gibberish, but

like the sound of one sentence – great. Start from there. If you're sensitive about criticism, don't show it to anyone other than the dog. Give your dog a treat before you read it to him and in all likelihood he will approve. That's the great thing about dogs, they can usually be bribed cheap.

If you don't have a dog, read it to your cat. And if you don't have a cat you can go into any 7-11 and rest assured that no one working there understands English anyway. But start writing!

It is important that your local media know that there are people out there with two working brain cells that reject the mind numbing nonsense they are selling to the public.

Be persistent. If they don't publish your first five letters to the editor, maybe they'll publish the sixth. And if you keep at it they just may publish your letter to get you off their backs.

But that's OK what do you care? You got your ideas in print at their expense and that influences public opinion and that is what we're trying to do.

Start by sending letters to the editor of your local newspapers and television stations. Most papers will have guidelines as to how many words they will print in an editorial. Try to work within the guidelines they have established and start writing.

Writing is like anything

else. The more you do it, the better at it you'll become. You would be surprised how many people are afraid to express an opinion that they haven't seen anyone else express in print or on television. By getting your ideas and opinions in print you give legitimacy to your point of view and make it easier for others to express similar views.

There is a very good book written on the subject which will be reviewed in a later issue of *The Partisan* entitled *How You Can Manipulate The Media*, by David Alexander, published by Paladin Press. Anyone seriously interested in gaining the attention of the media or using the media to get their message out would be well advised to read this book.

With persistence and determination you will eventually get published. Once you've been published it becomes easier to get published again and again and again. Before you know it you may be asked to speak at the local church or community forum or city council meeting or local community access to cable TV.

There is no school or diploma or license one gets for becoming a recognized spokesperson for a cause or expert in a particular field.

Al Sharpton is always pursued by the media to give his two cents on any event involving issues of race, and Sharpton is about as trustworthy as a street hustler dealing three-card monte.

Sharpton has no scruples, integrity, intelligence or charisma but he does have passion and determination. And it has paid off for him big time. The point being that if some cartoon character like Sharpton is wooed by the national media as an expert on race relations, how hard could it be for someone who actually knew what they were talking about to reach some level of authority in their field? Maybe that person is you.

Why not? What are you afraid of? What do you have to lose? Ask yourself what issue most arouses your passion? What issue affects you the most? Taxation, gun control, the war on drugs,

freedom of the press, abortion, the Federal Reserve System, home schooling, jury nullification, privacy encroachment, states rights, Constitutional issues, religious freedom, misuse of the American military and zoning laws are just some of the many issues that have a profound affect on all of us.

Perhaps the thing that gets your blood boiling is something completely different. Great. Write about that.

If writing is not your thing, perhaps you have the gift of gab. How about your own radio talk show? Sound like fun? You bet it is. Why not you? Its easier than

you think.

Local radio stations are a business like anything else. If you can get local businesses to sponsor your show, the radio station will give you the time. You must go to local businesses who are sympathetic to the cause of promoting freedom and convince them that the money they spend on advertisements for your show will ultimately make them money. It's that simple.

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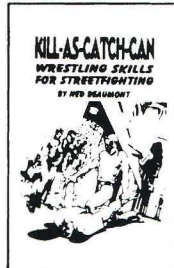
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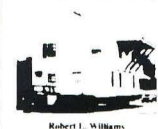
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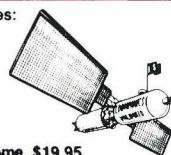
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you play your cards right you can actually make money doing this. If you're talented and determined enough to produce a good show, it can be picked up in syndication and you can make a lot of money.

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Some public radio stations do not have such requirements and all you have to do is show up and talk to them about what it takes for you to get your own show. In theory public radio is supposed to represent all of the divergent views of the community.

The reality of the situation is that the programming on most public radio stations is collectivist in nature and the majority of the people involved in such activity are more than likely to be openly hostile to pro-freedom programming. This of course can be part of the fun, but not for the faint hearted. If you're the type of person who gets off antagonizing the opposition this might just be the perfect gig.

Then of course there is the moral dilemma. Do you really want to have anything to do with a radio station that uses stolen money (tax dollars) to pay for its operations? You could argue that the money has already been taken from you against your will and you are entitled to have some say about how it is used. I'm not taking sides, only pointing out some things you might want to

think about. In any event, getting a show on a good old money-making capitalist radio station will pose a lot fewer problems and will be a lot more rewarding in the long run.

If you do choose the people's airwaves option, be prepared for all kinds of weird personal politics and petty time wasting protocol and procedures which these people seem to thrive on. Having experienced first hand the mountains of bullshit I had to wade through both with public radio and community access cable TV, it seems to me that it is really a battle of attrition; the spoils going to those willing to put up with the most inane, nonsensical crap that can be thrown at them.

But it might be different for you than it was for me in the People's Republic of Boulder, Colorado. You might walk right in to a good situation and never look back. You never know until you try. One way or another your voice and more importantly your ideas will be heard by a lot of people.

Before you know it your point of view becomes part of the debate and it is now respectable to call for the abolition of the IRS or the repeal of the "1968 Gun Control Act" or the impeachment of Bill Clinton.

The worst thing we can do is remain silent and allow them to set the agenda for the national debate.

We cannot allow them to ridicule our ideas and beliefs by

their cowardly tactics of innuendo, smear, intimidation, lies, distortions, guilt by association and all of their other favorite tricks. Force them to articulate their criticisms of anything you say with facts, data, statistics, objective and credible studies. Refuse to take it for face value that they know what they're talking about. Don't be impressed with their credentials demand proof for everything they say and don't back down.

If nothing else you'll give them a great deal of heartburn and let them know there is a personal price they must pay for their hobby of destroying our freedom and stealing our wealth.

The bottom line is that if you wait for the other guy to do it, it won't get done. Stop complaining about how bad things are and take some action. You'll be surprised at how good it makes you feel just knowing that you've gotten out of the spectator section and now you're on the playing field. *The Partisan* will help you any way we can. Good luck and let's get cracking!



Guerrilla Garb: *Swiss Alpenflage*

Staff Report

The end of the cold war and the demise of the Soviet Empire has brought many benefits to the world. Beyond the obvious perk of not getting evaporated by the business end of an intercontinental ballistic missile the fall of Communism in Europe has brought a windfall of goodies on to the American marketplace. As both the Warsaw Pact and NATO countries scale down on their respective military inventories, the result has been a bonanza of military clothing and equipment that heretofore has not been available.

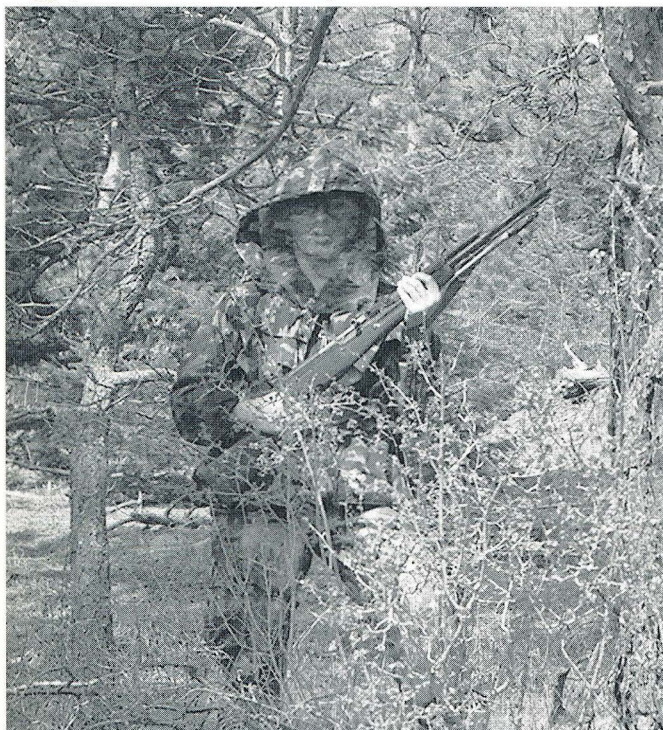
Amidst this treasure of once rare clothing and gear is a wide selection of goodies from the land of chocolate, coo coo clocks and looted Jewish gold, Switzerland. Neutral, prosperous Switzerland was never known to skimp on its gear and the camouflage uniforms issued to its elite alpine troops is no exception.

Currently being marketed as Swiss Alpenflage this heavy-duty combat garb is second to none and as we go to press it is around in good supply. Loaded with many features that had to have

made its cost of manufacture many times that which it is currently available for, you now have the opportunity to own this unique and functional piece of history for a song. If you're shy about singing you can purchase the Swiss Alpenflage in used but good condition for about \$40. Finding it in brand new condition is a little harder but not impossible. I have seen it being sold for about \$75. As they say, the Swiss taxpayer's loss is your gain.

This is an incredible bargain especially when you consider that the Swiss Alpenflage set consists of a jacket, overalls and a backpack, which cleverly adheres to the jacket. Some retailers are even including a helmet cover to complete the ensemble. There is no doubt that the well-dressed guerilla will be adorned in this terribly chic outfit this spring.

The Swiss used this uniform for a number of years and consequently there are slight variations in the sets on the market. Some of the earlier jackets for instance have a rubberized treatment in the shoulder area whereas later versions do not. These variations are for the most part quite minor and all of the Alpenflage share



This close-up photo of a man wearing Swiss Alpenflage was taken in a forested area of the Rocky Mountains in summer time.



This is the same exact photo taken at 50 feet. Notice there is no attempt on the part of the man to hide behind any of the available flora.

the same basic characteristics. The fabric used is a heavy weight 50/50 blend of polyester and cotton.

The cotton gives the garment a nice soft and supple feel, good breathability and is completely quiet in motion. The polyester gives the fabric strength, abrasion resistance, water repellency and good protection against the wind. The result is a highly comfortable and functional set of clothing that would be perfect for hunting, paintball, paramilitary activity or any rugged outdoor use where concealability is desirable.

The jacket is adorned with useful features that makes one wonder how an army that hasn't seen action in this century came up with such a damned good parka. There are waterproof nylon patches on the elbows. The generous 3-inch collar is double layered and serves as the base for an oversize integral hood which cleverly houses a corresponding pattern netted camouflage sniper veil, which rolls up and is secured in the front of the hood.

The last five inches on the jacket's sleeves are secured with a zipper that would allow one to fit the sleeve over the large gauntlet of gloves or mittens with relative ease. The cuffs of the sleeves are bungied with elastic, ensuring a secure seal. One criticism I have of the jacket is that the sleeves all tend to be a few inches short or shorter than what one is used to. I suspect that the Swiss assumed that one would be wearing some kind of gloves with this uniform.

The overall cut of the jacket is quite generous, allowing one to wear it over a heavy wool sweater or pile jacket. There are three front pockets in the chest area, all of which have oversize flaps, which are secured with metal snaps. There are two on the left side and one on the right. The pocket on the right and the corresponding one on the left have a cloth divider in them which is to allow the wearer to carry to magazines in complete silence.

We found the pockets will easily carry two standard 20 round magazines for all of the popular .308 rifles including the FN FAL, M-14, HK-91, and even two 25 round Galil magazines. These same pockets will carry up to three thirty round magazines for all of the popular .223 rifles and two 7.62 x 39 30 round magazines for the AK-47. The third pocket is a little smaller than the other two but will nonetheless carry one magazine.

There are two very large bellowed pockets in the lower front of the jacket which could be used to carry a first aid kit, food, water, a hat, gloves, a claymore mine or whatever. There are three additional oversize pockets in the lower back; one of which has small sleeves sewn on it to accommodate pens or pencils. All of these pockets have large flaps and snaps and grommets drain holes in the bottom.

There is an additional pocket in the shoulder area of the left sleeve presumably for cigarettes or a

In a future scenario of a totalitarian force seizing the reigns of government, our constitutional republic as we know it would cease to exist. In such an event it is likely that partisan cells or larger units organize, there inevitably arises the question of whether or not to adopt a standard uniform. With the current profusion of surplus and civilian camouflage pattern clothing available, this bears discussion.

The arguments for uniforms are, generally:

A.) They provide recognition of friend versus foe at short to moderate distances, and hence reduce inter-unit or intra-unit fratricide.

B.) Partisans captured in uniform might be afforded Geneva Accords combatant status. Conversely, without a uniform, they could be summarily shot as bandits or spies.

C.) Camouflage clothing provides concealment via blending in all but the most stark terrain.

by Todd Grey

small camera.

The bottom hem of the jacket is bungied with an adjustable elastic band and there is a large metal snap to ensure closure. A generous storm flap reinforced with metal snaps covers the full-length metal zipper. Don't worry the outer metal of the snaps has been painted with a non-reflective green paint.

There are two pairs of grommetted vent holes on the sides about five inches above the waist to help. Right by these holes are two three-inch loops that will accommodate the widest web belt. A single button allowing maximum versatility can undo both of these loops. There are epaulets on the shoulders that are secured with plastic buttons. On the inside of the jacket just left of the zipper is a large hidden pocket accessible by another zipper that was probably designed for maps or documents.

And now, just when you thought this jacket could not get any more unique or boast more pockets there is yet one more. There is a horizontal slit about 14 inches long around the shoulder blades accessible from the inside. This opening allows access to a pocket about ten inches deep, which is very similar to a game pocket on traditional hunting jackets.

The matching pants that go with the parka are equally impressive both in terms of its features and quality of construction. Starting from the ground up, the cuffs are hemmed with a channel that contains tough parachute cord, the ends of which are

accessible through metal grommets. Starting below the knee and running up to the upper thigh the entire front has a layer of waterproof nylon sewn on to it.

The corresponding area in back of the leg has two tabs with snaps that enable the wearer to adjust the amount of bagginess below the crotch. There are two extra large bellowed pockets at the mid thigh level which have three inner pockets designed to hold rifle magazines. These pockets are adorned with oversize flaps and many snaps. There is an adjustable strip of fabric coming out of the top of the pockets, which can be tightened around the legs very similar to those found on American BDU pants.

The fly opening of the pants is secured with a unique series of snaps and buttons that allow a good deal of adjustment for the waist. Perfect for those occasional trips to the all-you-can-eat buffet. On a more practical level you can fine tune the fit of the pants depending on how thick the insulation is that you are wearing underneath them.

There is a zippered slot in back of both of the front pockets which suggests that these pants can be worn as overpants – the slots allowing access to the corresponding front pockets of the pants being worn beneath them. The front pockets themselves are quite large and slightly slanted with no flaps in a very traditional style.

There is one flat pocket in the rear on the right side secured with a single button. There are

The arguments *against* uniforms are, generally:

A.) The uniform limits the ability of guerrillas to blend into the populace immediately following a tactical operation.

B.) Authorities in totalitarian governments will ignore the fact that guerrillas are wearing uniforms if they are captured, and shoot them anyway. (Witness: the Bay of Pigs invasion, and the 1980s' Afghanistan experience.)

C.) Guerrillas in uniform will be mistaken for government troops and accidentally shot by friendly Citizens or other guerrillas.

D.) Guerrillas in uniform will be readily recognizable as such by government troops manning helicopters.

The consensus among the resistance cells with which this writer has had contact is that the advantages of uniforms outweigh the disadvantages, provided that spare civilian clothing is carried on tactical missions, for the event that guerrillas must suddenly "blend in" with the civilian crowd rather than the trees.

non-elasticized suspenders sewn right into the back waist, which are adjustable via a metal slide by which they attach to the front. There are two an extra slide buckles in the front that can be attached to strips hanging from the inside of the jacket. This will allow additional support if the pockets of the pants are filled with ammo or anything else that is heavy.

All of the major seams on both the jacket and pants are triple stitched and the overall quality is first rate. The rucksack is made of the same material as is the rest of the outfit and is attached to the jacket via two straps with metal hooks that lock on to two metal rectangles sewn into the jacket just above the front breast pockets. There is an additional waist belt on the rucksack that is adjustable



Man on right clad in Swiss Alpenflage is equipped with a Chinese SKS rifle and ready to argue the fine points on the issue of gun control.

Photo by Matt Flaherty

The next question is, what pattern to wear?

Some would-be guerrillas have adopted the standard US military woodland pattern BDU (battle dress uniform) for their units. It is widely available and moderately priced. If it is not machine washed with typical detergent, it offers a low IR signature. It has, however, some serious drawbacks: Because it is likely to be worn by potential enemies, there is the risk of fratricide. Another drawback is that because the woodland pattern is so ubiquitous, it does nothing to prevent intruders from entering a guerrilla perimeter. (That is, at distances where a camouflage pattern can be recognized, but far enough away that facial features can't be recognized.) And, since it is standard US military issue, captured guerrillas could be considered "infiltrators in friendly uniforms" as an excuse for execution.

Other guerrillas have opted for foreign camouflage patterns. There are a wide variety of surplus uniforms available, many of which are quite reasonably priced. The most common on the US market currently include British (DPM), Dutch, East German, West German (flecktarn), and Swiss. Of these, the Dutch and British patterns use colors so similar to BDUs that they don't offer significant friend/foe recognition. The East German pattern of dashes (or "raindrops") while distinctive provides very little camouflage blending. To this writer, the current West German flecktarn pattern looks a bit too much like the German W.W.II leopard spot pattern. Regrettably, that could lead some observers to drawing neo-Nazi conclusions about its wearers. For the reasons stated, this writer would recommend against adopting most of these patterns, although the British and Dutch patterns do have their merits. That leaves the Swiss Alpenflage pattern.

with a sliding metal buckle.

The rucksack itself consists of three pockets. The middle pocket is the largest and has a generous flap secured with a single snap. The two smaller pockets that flank it have no top flaps but they do have an elasticized collar with large loops. The rucksack in combination with all of the pockets enables the user to carry an impressive amount of gear. Certainly enough for any day outing and depending on the situation one could get by with a few days out in the bush.

The color scheme of the Swiss Alpenflage is also quite distinct. It is an overlapping leaf pattern comprised primarily of dark tan with big splotches of olive drab green, a faded Indian-red and black. Throughout the pattern are dispersed a few spots of a Very light pistachio green with a faded white outline. (*See women on right in back cover ad for Paladin Arms.*)

Looking at the pattern up close I was initially concerned that there was too much red. I thought that perhaps it was designed for the unique terrain of the Swiss Alps and would not be appropriate for most of the woods and mountains of North America.

I have should have known better than to doubt the Swiss. The Alpenflage pattern blends in perfectly to a background devoid of any red. We tested it against American Woodland camouflage, British BDM and the current issue Dutch camouflage in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

Much to our surprise the Swiss Alpenflage blended to its background more effectively than any of the other patterns we tested.

All five of us taking part in the test agreed that it was more difficult for the human eye to focus on it than the other pattern we tested.

So there you have it. The

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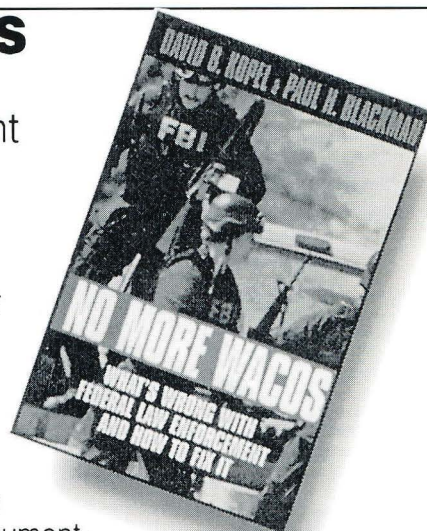
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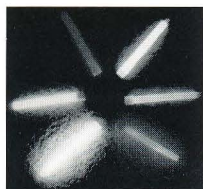
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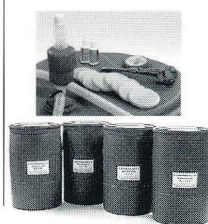
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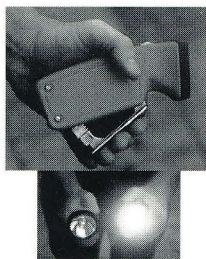
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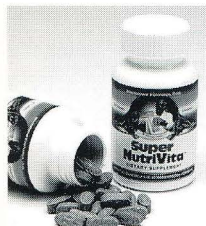
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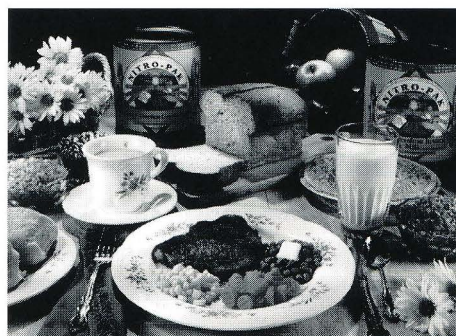
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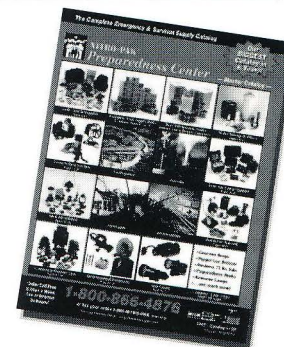


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A Case for Jury Nullification by Laura Kriho

Thankfully, contempt citations against jurors are quite rare. I've been told mine is the first like it in over 300 years. In February 1997, I was convicted of contempt of court, in part, for failing to volunteer my knowledge about the doctrine of jury nullification to the court during jury selection, even though I wasn't asked any questions about it. I was fined \$1,200, though I could have received six months in jail. My conviction is under appeal.

My prosecution arose after I served on a jury in a drug possession case in Gilpin County in May 1996.

I was the lone juror who refused to convict the defendant. I was cited for contempt based on evidence of "improper" arguments I made in the jury room about jury nullification and the harsh sentence the defendant could receive.

For the record, I was not trying to "nullify" the drug laws. I had reasonable doubts based on the lack of evidence. I only mentioned my (then) vague understanding of jury nullification as a last resort, in frustration at the other jurors' desire to convict and get home for dinner. I know a lot more now.

It is with some trepidation that I write this. One of my last letters to the editor (about non-psychoactive fiber hemp) was used as evidence against me at my trial. But since the government seems so determined to prevent citizens from knowing about their full powers as jurors, it must be important for me to share what I have learned.

Jury "nullification" describes the historic power of juries to vote according to their conscience, even if it is contrary to the evidence. Juries can "nullify" laws in a particular instance, either because the jurors believe that the law is unjust or because they believe the application of the law in a particular instance would be unjust. A jury can acquit for any reason.

This power is also referred to jury "discre-

tion." Just as police use discretion on whether to enforce the law; and prosecutors use discretion when charging someone with a violation of the law; and judges use discretion in deciding whether to dismiss those charges; jurors also have the power to use discretion in applying the law.

Jury nullification is not a new or radical concept. It is an English doctrine that was brought over to the U.S. and was well-known to the authors of the Constitution. Many of our early revolutionaries, accused of victimless crimes against the Crown, were set free by juries of their peers. Jury nullification of unjust laws helped secure our rights to free speech, free press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of religion.

This power of juries has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and was even re-affirmed by Gilpin District Judge Henry Nieto in his ruling that convicted me. However, for the past 100 years, the courts have ruled that jurors do not have to be informed of their power to evaluate the law.

My conviction has taken this reasoning a step further. Judges typically instruct juries that they can only judge the facts of the case, and not the merits of the law.

My conviction implies that any potential juror who knows the true power of the jury and who fails to volunteer that knowledge during jury selection, even if not asked, can and will be prosecuted.

On its face, my case seems like an anomaly: a rare aberration of justice. While that is certainly true, there is more to it than that.

Through my research, I have discovered that there is a nation-wide movement among judges to actively mislead jurors about their power to use their discretion. To my surprise, I discovered that one of the leaders of this movement Gilpin County Judge Fred Rodgers, who wrote an article in a national legal journal about the issue. The article outlined strat-

egies for judges to use to keep jurors ignorant of their power to "nullify" unjust law and for prosecuting "obstructionist" jurors who don't volunteer their knowledge of this power to the court. Most shocking, Judge Rodgers mentioned the supposed facts of my case in his article, although it was apparently published before I was even charged.

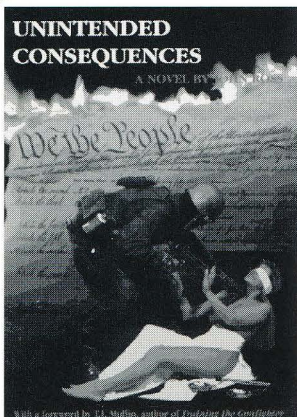
I believe this movement among judges to deceive and frighten jurors is the real reason I was prosecuted: to use me as a test case. They want to purge juries of anyone who knows they have the power to acquit, make jurors afraid to acquit, and prosecute jurors who do acquit.

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4TH OF JULY: THE BIRTH OF A NATION

We are about to commemorate the 222nd anniversary of a historic milestone which makes celebrating the other 364 days of the year possible: Independence Day. But more importantly, this is perhaps the best time to reflect on where we've been and where we're going.

After all, most of the people on this planet can only dream about what you and I can proudly proclaim as Americans; and *if we are not careful, we may find ourselves wishing we had not taken for granted what might require another violent revolution to fix.*

Tensions were building throughout the 13 colonies (especially in New England) as more and more became disenfranchised with the abusive policies of the British aristocracy. Excessive taxes on tea, the confiscation of timber (mostly pine), and the beginning stages of gun control were all contributing factors; but being heavily taxed without having formal representation in the decision-making process of Parliament (House of Commons) was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

Soon an intense but surreptitious pamphleteering effort got underway which was aimed at enlightening unwary colonists of

King George's contemptible pre-occupation: sapping the land and the inhabitants therein for all he could get. But even then, most preferred the unrequited love of the estranged monarch to the intimacy of genuine liberty.

In fact, even after an organized resistance began to form, such distinguished figures as John Adams, Fisher Ames, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, James Madison, George Mason, Gouverneur Morris, Robert Morris and George Washington, to name a few, were unable to convince more than five percent of their countrymen to rally to their cause.

Yes, our courageous Founding Fathers discovered early on that truth is often not enough to persuade a dependent citizenry to remove the shackles of servitude. And much like a timid concubine who learns to put up with an abominable predicament because she lacks the moral strength to simply walk away, most preferred the false security of the wicked master, rather than suffer the "consequences" of bolting free.

Nevertheless, on the morning of April 19, 1775, a loosely as-

sembled group of 3,800 Militiamen (comprised of mostly farmers and artisans) confronted an impressive force of 1,700 British regulars at Lexington, and then Concord, two small hamlets about 16 miles northwest of Boston. In a defiant attempt to stop General Thomas Gage from fulfilling his "secret" orders to seize and destroy a munitions depot, the shot which was later said to be "heard around the world" was fired.

Suddenly the efforts of Paul Revere (who was captured en route to other towns, but not before succeeding to awaken John Hancock and Sam Adams), William Dawes (who was forced back to Lexington by a British patrol), and Dr. Samuel Prescott (who actually managed to reach Concord with "The British are coming!"), paid off. For without the advantages of modern transportation and a high-tech communication network, these brave souls risked their lives and succeeded to warn nearly every village and town throughout eastern Massachusetts in one night.

Little did they know, however, that this was the defining moment which ignited the beginning of the Revolutionary War. For by the end of that first day, 378 casualties would be delivered to both sides. The British lost 73, with 191 wounded, and 22 taken prisoner; while the untrained Americans lost

49, had 39 wounded, and only 4 captured. Although much fiercer battles were yet to be fought (over a period spanning six years), the opening volleys ultimately led to the greatest event in our nation's infancy.

On July 1, 1776, 56 daring men met in secret for three days at the Pennsylvania State House (now called Independence Hall). Having already locked horns with "absolute despotism" with musket and canon, they had no choice but to issue a formal proclamation to the Crown to officially cut the cord.

But why did they do it? And ***why would they risk the gallows when they were well-to-do? Because these were men of impeccable character who valued principle and honor above wealth.*** To them, declaring independence was the only rational alternative to servitude; and the longer they delayed, the longer they would be accessories to the very evils they despised.

Even so, it wasn't until after the makeshift Continental Army managed to inflict serious damage on the British that the sleeping giant (as in the vast majority who maintained their allegiance to Great Britain) was awakened. Indeed, when the "invincible" Redcoats were forced to surrender in a humiliating defeat at Saratoga (October 17, 1777), those who took refuge under the skirts of the old order unexpectedly found themselves feeling like they were naked. But it still took four more

years of war-torn misery to bring the necessary pressures to bear before the struggle for freedom could be brought to its conclusion.

At last, on October 19, 1781, after a 21 day battle which culminated with the defeat of Lord Cornwallis' fleet at Chesapeake Bay, came the news General Washington's troops had been longing to hear. The British finally called it quits, and the preliminary Anglo-American peace treaty was signed on November 30, 1782; followed by the Peace of Paris accords (also known as the Treaty of Versailles) on September 3, 1783. With a few strokes of an ink-laden quill, the history of Western civilization was changed forever.

Yet before the dust could even settle, the pioneers of independence began working to outline a new system of governing by holding a formal Convention with delegates from 12 of the 13 colonies (Rhode Island initially abstained from participating, ending up being the last state to climb on board on May 29, 1790). Their purpose: to form a more perfect union.

Still in all, it took five years of spirited debate before the necessary two-thirds majority (nine states) would lend their consent to a universal agreement. The result: they ratified a masterful blueprint called the Constitution on September 13, 1788. Subsequently, the new government convened on March 4, 1789; and the first 10 Amendments, better known as the Bill of Rights (which was whittled down from a phenomenal list of

250 proposals), were added and went into effect on December 15, 1791.

The reward for their diligence brought about a Constitutional Republic comprised of a system of checks and balances, all of which was contingent on self-rule embodied in a finite set of democratic principles. But above all else, they established an institution based on a hierarchy of laws, not of men.

In short, the power vested in the Federal bureaucracy was specifically enumerated (meaning limited), with everything else being left up to the authority of the states, and to the people respectively. Never again, they reasoned, would contemptuous demagogues supersede the God-given rights of the individual. Nor did they intend or even hint at creating a majoritarian fiat (by way of mob rule) as explicitly defined within the framework of a Democracy. Just as the popular conservative syndicated columnist Joseph Sobran recently noted: "A bad King is preferable to a good Democracy."

Instead, the Ratifiers had something entirely different in mind when they proposed these simple ideas: "***We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.***" And to guarantee that

these conditions were maintained, they implemented the safeguards offered by a Republic which places the rule of law above the often fickle sentiments of the majority. This was the one critical ingredient that truly made our virgin system unique; however it is also the one aspect of today's government which is the most abused. ***The big question, of course, is what happens to the ship of state when its moorings have been dislodged or completely eliminated?***

So you see, we are the beneficiaries of a charter which makes it our duty to keep a report card on the government; and if and when we determine that it no longer retains passing grades (according to the guidelines set forth in the Constitution), we are obligated to put them on notice. Like it or not, this is unquestionably our responsibility.

Now consider these facts with respect to just the Federal leviathan: it spends \$10,000 a second; it possesses over one-third of the continental land-mass and maintains repressive controls over the remaining two-thirds; it is the nation's largest employer; it consumes over five months of our wages in income taxes alone; it provides (at our expense) for over 20 million on welfare; it gives nearly 30 million "free" food stamps; it funnels billions in hand outs to communist regimes; it bails out Wall Street tycoons (better known as corporate welfare); it creates (on average) 26,000 new

regulations a year; it controls the money supply; it sends our troops to police other countries; it promotes and protects sexual promiscuity and irresponsibility by forcing the public to subsidize abortion; it mandates how and what our children are to be taught; it undermines parental authority; and the list goes on and on, even though the Constitution authorizes none of the above.

In fact, there are now thousands of usurpations compared to the mere 27 grievances that were charged to King George III. And to think the overall tax rate at that time was less than one percent! Maybe now we can fully appreciate why Thomas Jefferson said: "God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a rebellion!"

Obviously, something is very wrong; yet most haven't a clue as to what that is. Worse still, there are just as many who could care less as long as they have something to eat, a roof over their heads, and the boob-tube to keep them preoccupied. Sadly, the Fourth of July has come to mean little more than another day off, the last thing our Founding Fathers ever had in mind.


Let us hope, therefore, that we are able to influence our fellow citizens with the weapon of truth. For if we fail, there will be only one option left which is summed up in these immortal words:

"That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such forms, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness." ◇

"When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical Constitution with a radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of individual freedom to Americans ..."

"And so a lot of people say there's too much personal freedom. When personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it. That's what we did in the announcement I made last weekend on the public housing projects, about how we're going to have weapon sweeps and more things like that to try to make people safer in their communities."

President Wm. Jefferson Clinton, 22 march, 1994, MTV's "Enough is Enough"



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Freedom's Last Stand

Are You Willing To Fight for Your Guns?

by Stephen Weaver, as it originally appeared in Guns & Ammo magazine.

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriot and tyrants."- Thomas Jefferson

During the latter stages of the Rhodesian Bush war, in the late 1970's a particularly salient tactical point was demonstrated to those with eyes to see. Embattled Rhodesia, fighting for its very life and ostracized by virtually the entire world, quietly adopted a policy change for its armed forces. As a result, the selector switches on thousands of FN-FAL rifles were deliberately switched from the full-auto mode to semi-automatic as a matter of standard procedure. The reason was the shortage of ammunition brought about by international sanction efforts. The effects were startling in that nothing changed as far as battle outcome in spite of a better-armed and equipped enemy in increasingly superior numbers penetrating Rhodesia from three fronts. The communist-trained and supplied terrorist maintained the full auto mode with their AK-47s right up until the end. ***When the final battles came the outnumbered and outgunned Rhodesians had never lost a single encounter; rather, their demise came at the negotiation table-which is a point for deep reflection.***

What this proves is that semi-auto fire is a match for full-auto in the hands of determined and committed personnel fighting for home and hearth.

As we stand today with the threat of legislation banning the possession and/or manufacture of semiautomatic weapons, we had best pause and consider this carefully. And a ban of so called assault rifles today will become a ban on your Remington 1100 tomorrow — bet on it. The Second Amendment has been dealt numerous and severe infractions in multiple, localized instances over the past half-century. But never before has it faced the broad onslaught we now see. ***The avowed goal of those people in our very government is to strip us of our rights under the Second Amendment.*** Should this occur, however, it will ultimately be our fault, not theirs. The reason for this is the Second Amendment. As an American in the middle of my fourth decade in this life I, like many others, look around in utter shock and dismay at the rapid unraveling of our culture. I've managed to get to this point in life without running afoul of our laws even once. I am not associated with or an adherent to any group espousing supremacist views, Nor do I advocate the violent

overthrow of the government... at this point in time. I will confess to holding numerous politically incorrect attitudes, however.

I've been fortunate to be able to live abroad in several countries, which has given me a good deal of perspective from which to speak. But, I speak as an American whose family has been in this country since before the revolution. Now I look at the fast-approaching tomorrow when I may be legislated a criminal for what is my legal right today. This is because I own a couple of semi-automatic weapons. One of them was bequeathed to me by my late father and was purchased by him in the middle 1920's — insidious weaponry indeed! ***Yet I face the possibility that I could wake up one day and be felon unless I immediately turn in these weapons. This is something I will not do.***

Those words are not written lightly or without the awareness that someone will read them that I would rather not have reading them. Nevertheless I am compelled to write this, under my own name, because I cannot, in good conscience, keep quiet on the issue. ***Should such legislation pass in this country, I do expect the possibility that I***

might not live for any great period of time there after.

For at that point I will bear arms against the so-called government of that day. I will do so if I have to do it alone and I will do it for several very good and legal reasons.

It is legal, now, for me to write

and for this to be published because we have a first Amendment. We have that because some vestiges of the Constitution are still intact. Right behind our freedom of speech and freedom of religion our forefathers placed a second pillar of this republic, the right to

bear arms. In many ways it has supported and still does support the rest. I'll not go into a long discourse about the legal basis for our Second Amendment rights. That's been done by better legal minds than mine and is readily available to the inquiring mind. I'll suffice to say that, in the

These so-called governments are in reality only great bands of robbers and murderers, organized, disciplined, and constantly on the alert.

Lysander Spooner, 1869

A right, to be truly so, must be right in itself; yet many things have obtained the name of rights, which are originally founded in wrong.

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succinct words of a bumper sticker, "the Second Amendment ain't about duck hunting." What it is about is our culture, our country and our whole way of life I'll not give that up without a fight.

The late Christian theologian Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer once made a statement that has stuck with me for many years: "If there is no final place for civil disobedience, then the government has been made autonomous, and as such, it has been put in the place of the Living God." The thrust of what Dr. Schaeffer has said here is as relevant to the secular as it is to the Christian audience he addressed. In a nutshell, if you don't have a defensible bottom line, you've just made the government your personal god. The context of the discourse from which this quote was taken was the rule of law in our culture. In the American expression of western culture the rule of law is embodied in the Constitution of the United States, of which the Second Amendment is an integral part. To an American, then, this is our relevant bottom line, from a secular governmental perspective. In the words of the Constitution itself, Article VI, Section 2: "This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance, thereof ... shall be the supreme law of the land."

The Second Amendment is a part of the Constitution and is not in the authority of Congress to alter save by an amending process as submitted to the states. No 51-49

vote can legally supersede it. All powers in our Constitution are delegated at three levels: Federal, State and the People. This is where our Second Amendment rights lay, with the people. ***Very simply, Congress would be breaking the supreme law if it infringed on our Second Amendment right.*** It does not have that legal power and never has. Neither do the courts. Banning semiautos is a clear infringement in the same way I would handle it when encountered in the form of some dirtball on the street. I'm not in the habit of handing over my guns to any criminal, regardless of title or elected office.

This too is an American attitude older than our Republic. It was essentially a British gun-grabbing attempt that ignited our Revolution. The lessons of Lexington and the conviction of Concord are sorely needed in our time. The Declaration of Independence has a lot to say about the reasons to dispose of government. And none of them are to be taken lightly. ***In this writer's opinion we are far beyond the of tyranny, which the minds of Jefferson, Washington and Madison decided was their bottom line.*** If we are not now on the verge of a similar point, with similar actions presenting themselves as strong possibilities, then we have tacitly declared Jefferson and company criminals, and their subsequent government

illegitimate. But history has shown this is decidedly not the case; the greatest experimentation in government has not been a complete failure. We've just let our elected government and its bureaucracies slip from the "chains" that Mr. Jefferson knew were the proper abode for all government.

It is not time to scrap our Constitution, it is time to reinstate it as the lawful rule in this country. That is best done with the Constitution itself.

Either we take the preamble of our Constitution seriously or we submit to the illegitimate and illegal actions of our elected officials as god in our lives. Our forefathers gave us a great gift: "We the People in Order to ...secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity [that's us] do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." The Founders are gone, but what they gave us is still alive enough to save the "blessings of Liberty" if we've the courage to use it. It is to this point that I write these words and sign them with the intent of pledging my life, any other free Americans left who will do likewise?

There are those who will honestly question the need to draw such a line at this point. In rebuttal to that I'll point to the example of Rhodesia and the great concern of our founders over standing armies with the need to have an equally

armed Militia. We cannot hope to prevail against a tyrannical government armed with fully automatic weapons when we are reduced to bolt actions or worse. We can prevail with our semi's, and they know it — from behind every tree and rock, in a wholly American expression of "don't tread on me." *You see, it is not street crime driving the anti-gunners, it is the complete disarmament of the American populace.* If they've taken our semi's, they'll eventually get the rest without risk. Do I know what I'm suggesting here? Yes, I do.

I am speaking of the specter of civil war while adamantly hoping it can be avoided. It is true that one shot could ignite a civil war under such a scenario but if so, as a Lexington, it would be a "shot heard round the world". Because if it were to occur our goal ought to be the reinstitution of the Constitution and the rule of law in our unraveling society. Further, it should be taken to the doors of those instigating such illegal acts that might precipitate a civil war; their vote for such a bill will mean they are to be put on trial for treason and conspiracy to violate our civil rights. This would include the president who signs it and perhaps the newspaper columnist and broadcast media who rail for its passage.

In the words of Sir Winston Churchill, whose mother incidentally was an American, *"Still if you will not fight for*

the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not so costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no chance of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.' To those who would consider burying their semi's in the backyard, I suggest a careful consideration of these words. We are nearly at a critical crossroads in the course of this nation. What we bequeath to our children (our posterity) should be no less than what was given us, the chance to live as free men and women. Will you act when this critical moment arrives, or bow at the feet of your newfound god-feet that would soon be found to be wearing jackboots when they come to kick in your unprotected door?

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HITLER WON, AFTER ALL...

By Robbie Boyerson

Suppose, for the moment, that you live in an imaginary land in which your right to life and liberty is not an absolute, no longer inalienable, that you are no longer totally free to live your life by your own judgment, to live your life as you see fit, but increasingly you are regulated and forbidden by the state from doing more and more things—that you live in a country in which you no longer have the right to control the use and disposal of your property, that the state dictates to you what you may and may not do with your property, that your property may be unjustly seized for crimes you did not commit—that you live in a nation in which the state dictates to you how much of your money you will be allowed to keep for your own needs, with the state forcibly taking the rest anytime it wants—that your freedom of speech is restricted, with the state dictating to you what you may and may not say about certain things. And because your rights are no longer absolute, in the eyes of the law, your freedom has been steadily shrinking with each passing year. In such an imaginary situation, just exactly what does the future hold for you? If your freedom continues to wither away, it will eventually evaporate altogether. And when it does finally disappear, as it surely will if the shrinkage continues, then what will you be living under? A totalitarian regime of

some sort. This is not some fanciful speculation about your future in such a situation, it is a certain, proven result which will descend upon you at some point in the days and years to come—the logic of this happening is unassailable: if your freedom continues to shrink, it will eventually disappear entirely. This is as certain as the fact that you will bleed to death if the blood gushing from an open wound in your body is not stopped. There is no other possible outcome unless, of course, the decline in your freedom is halted and then reversed, taking you in a new direction, in the direction of growing and expanding freedom.

Students of the past will recognize that our imaginary nation isn't imaginary at all: it is a description of the state of freedom *in pre-Nazi Germany, freedom which, as almost everyone knows, collapsed into the hellish darkness of tyranny. Chillingly, it is also a description of the state of freedom in America today.*

Just how in the world did Hitler pull it off? How did he manage to gain dictatorial powers over an entire nation, a nation populated by some of the most educated individuals in the world at the time? How could such a

nation fall to such a calamitous end? The answer to all of these questions is: *Hitler simply capitalized on the ideas held by a majority of pre-Nazi Germans, carrying those ideas to their deadly, logical conclusion.*

Surely most of the citizens of pre-Nazi Germany never dreamed their country would fall to the kind of terrifying wretchedness which eventually came to it at the hands of Hitler. Most surely thought it could never happen to them. How could anyone, in his right mind, ever support and vote for such a future if they clearly saw it coming—a future which brought death to millions? Virtually no one, except the masochistic or the suicidal or those who expected to be the rulers, not the victims, would ever support such a future, but support it they did. They voted for it, they vigorously defended it and they did so, in large part, because they could not see the future consequences of the ideas they supported. *Most of them never saw it coming, but come it did with a lethal vengeance unexpected by almost all. A whirlwind of death, terror and destruction descended upon what had been a*

civilized nation. If a majority of pre-Nazi Germans had been made to clearly see what was coming, Hitler would never have been voted into power and our war with Germany would never have occurred.

Now just what were the ideas held by a majority of pre-Nazi Germans, ideas which propelled Germany into a bloody dictatorship? *The ideas of statism: the idea that your life is not your own, that you may be controlled, regulated and regimented by the state—the idea that your right to liberty is not inalienable, but may be regulated out of existence—the idea that your property is not yours to control and use as you see fit—the idea that your money is not yours, but ultimately the property of the state, to be taken from you for some purpose deemed noble and worthy by the state—and, above all, the idea that some part, if not all, of your life may be forcibly sacrificed by the state to provide some benefit to your neighbors.*

Students of the present will recognize that these are the very ideas which are driving America's political machinery today, machinery which is grinding away and consuming individual liberty on a daily basis. While it doesn't take a genius to figure out the

ultimate consequences of these ideas for America, most in this country, just like those in pre-Nazi Germany, remain blind to where these ideas are taking this country.

One of the most dangerous lunacies of our era is the apparent readiness of so many to believe almost anything for which there is little, if any, evidence, but who are unwilling to believe something for which the evidence is overwhelming. Today, for instance, we have a large part of America's population believing in the existence of alien-piloted UFO's (for which there is absolutely no evidence), in psychic phenomena (which doesn't exist at all), in dubious conspiracy theories of all sorts, in spurious medical cures, in global warming and all kinds of other goofy things, yet we have few who believe the end of the road America has been traveling is totalitarianism, even though the evidence is screaming from the headlines in the news media for everyone to see and hear, evidence which is all around us, in the speeches of our politicians, in the legislation and regulatory edicts which wipe out more and more individual freedom every year. And this lunacy becomes even more bizarre when you consider the fact that most Americans would likely acknowledge that freedom has been declining for decades, that it continues to decline today, that the powers of the state over individual life grow almost daily, yet they do not see what is looming ahead of us if this trend continues.

Most Americans continue to think it impossible for a dictatorship to ever come to America, but why? Why is it impossible? Is this country somehow immune to a fate which has struck so many great nations in the past? Is there some sort of guarantee that such a thing could not happen in America? Is there some reason to believe that the ideas which created Nazi Germany, the very ideas which dominate American culture today, will not eventually create the same result in America? The answer is: no, we are not immune to the arrival of some future tyranny. In fact, the widespread belief that it can never happen here only encourages its eventual arrival. Blindness to the future helps bring it about: with a majority clueless about the future consequences of past and current political trends, no action will be taken to avert a future which is believed to be impossible.

Understand there are many misconceptions about totalitarianism and how dictators come to acquire their power. Contrary to what so many believe, dictators do not normally seize power against the will of the majority, except in the case of a dictator's military subjugation of another nation. Even in the event of the seizure of power through a military coup or through victory in a civil war, they gain power through the willing support of a strong minority, if not a majority, of the people in a nation so afflicted. And some are voted into

power. Hitler, for instance, was voted into power with a strong plurality (44% of the vote). It is impossible for a dictator, such as Hitler, to single-handedly impose his will on a nation, such as Germany. To impose his will, he needs the support of a very large segment of the population. And, today, *in America, we see such a growing segment of the population which will support some future dictator, driven to do so by the ideas they have been taught and by the political precedents they have sanctioned.* Already, we have in this country: millions of government employees, virtually all of them statist—millions of citizens who are receiving financial handouts and/or special privileges from statists in charge of our governments—and, several million others who support statist causes of all sorts. Virtually all of these individuals vote to support the advance of statism in America. How many more will have to be added to their numbers to finally tip the scale in favor of some future statist who will finally be able to consolidate his power? No one knows precisely, but I know their numbers increase yearly—and with each increase, we move a step closer to totalitarianism.

There can be no honest disagreement about the fact that individual freedom in America has been in a gradual, steady decline for more than a century. When viewed on a daily

basis, freedom's downward spiral is so slight as to be almost imperceptible, but when viewed over a span of years the trend is unmistakably clear. Do we have more regulations and less freedom than we did four years ago, even just one year ago? The answer is: yes. Do we have less individual freedom and more regulations than 10 years ago? 20 years ago? 30 years ago? 40 years ago? The answer on all counts: yes—and virtually every educated adult in this country knows this, yet most seem unable to see what this is gradually adding up to, unable to see the final destination of this road we have been traveling. However, there is some evidence to suggest that a majority of Americans vaguely sense that something is wrong about the direction of this country. In recent years, polls about the American public's attitudes have shown, almost invariably, most think the country is heading in the "wrong direction" and feel they have increasingly less control over their lives, even though the economy might be fairly good.

Many pundits appear puzzled by these attitudes. But there is little wonder so many feel this way. *We have tax agencies with the power to seize bank accounts and property and destroy lives.* In one tragic case, this was literally true: an innocent man was driven to suicide after months of harassment and threats by the IRS (the IRS later admitted it had all been a mistake: the man never owed the taxes they were

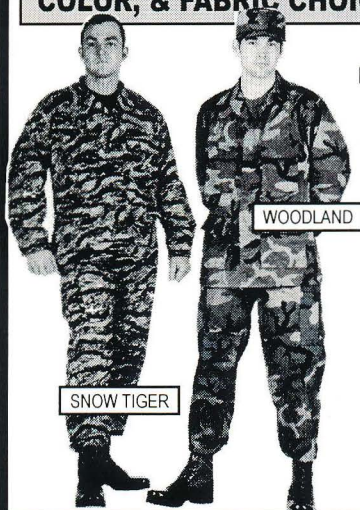
trying to collect). We have more than a half-dozen individuals who have been imprisoned for disturbing wetlands. We have the farmer whose property was seized because he inadvertently killed some rats. We have timber industry businesses shut down by regulations, destroying hundreds of jobs. We have geese, rats and owls being protected, but not man, not you.

State agencies have terrorized innocent parents with charges of sex or child abuse, putting them through gut wrenching investigations, and threatening them with imprisonment or having their children taken away. Parents have been effectively stripped of their ability to discipline their children without fear of being charged with sex or child abuse, putting them through gut wrenching investigations. In an attempt to control their children they may be accused of neglect and, in some cases, may be jailed.

We have businessmen hamstrung by regulations, undercutting their ability to make their businesses successful, even though a successful business is the only way to protect jobs. Agencies, like some Gestapo, pounce upon businesses and individuals with the power to search without warrant (OSHA, EPA, IRS and others), seize property without due process (DEA, IRS and many other local agencies) and impose arbitrary fines (too many to name). We have freedom of speech abridged by laws on employment,

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advertising and other areas, forbidding you to say or ask certain things. Most ominously, there are no public voices sounding alarms over these violations of freedom of speech, as if no one recognizes what has happened or is coming next as a result of these dangerous precedents being established. Ordinary citizens buckle under oppressive taxes which take as much as 40%, or more, of their earnings. These are only a few of the more horrific examples of freedom's decline in America.

These nightmares are the product of the surgical destruction, in area after area, of individual freedom, replaced by edicts issued not by a single Hitler-like dictator, but by thousands of little dictators scattered throughout all levels of government and in our legislatures.

America, once the citadel of freedom, born in its dedication to the proposition that your right to life and liberty is inalienable, has now reached the point where these rights are violated routinely by the very government originally conceived to protect those rights.

There are many reasons why America has reached its current state, but of singular importance is the fact that most Americans cannot define the exact meaning of their right to life and liberty.

Do you possess the right

to life and liberty? If you are an American, you will undoubtedly say you have this right. But do you know what this right really means? Can you, in a single sentence, define the meaning of this right? Can you define the principle entailed in this right? If you are like most, you cannot—and therein lies the story of American politics for the past few decades. Since you cannot defend what you cannot define, statist politicians, mostly the liberal variety, have won repeated political battles, shrinking individual freedom with each victory and bringing us the steady decline in freedom America has witnessed for more than 100 years. Over these years, statism's advance has been briefly stalled by occasional conservative successes, such as Republicans gaining control of Congress in 1994 and retaining control in 1996, yet it has continued to grow with each passing decade—and it continues to grow today, even with Republicans in control of Congress. Why? Apart from the fact that you cannot defend your right to life and liberty if you do not clearly know what it is, you will come to understand ***the conservative defense of freedom contains a fatal flaw, one which leads many conservatives to unwittingly support the ideas of their opponents (liberal statists) and, therefore, ensures the continued, incremental growth of statism.***

Either of the foregoing

chinks in freedom's defensive armor is sufficient to ensure the eventual demise of liberty in America, but there is yet another, more serious cause of the decline of freedom: the failure of most to think in principles—and this failure is the principal reason why most in America are unable to see what is coming in the future. As you will come to see, this failure manifests itself in the minds of most in every issue in politics, making them blind to the future consequences of past and present regulations issued by the state.

Consider, for instance, the area of freedom of speech. If you accept as valid the enactment of some piece of legislation which restricts your freedom of speech in some small, seemingly insignificant, part of your life, you have endorsed the notion that you do not have the right to freedom of speech, that your freedom of speech is not an absolute, that it may be abridged by the state—in principle, this is the idea you have accepted. Yet those who do not think in principles never understand the deadly nature of the idea they have accepted: these dim-sighted folks simply think they have sanctioned the restriction of freedom of speech “a little bit,” that their doing so has no wider significance and will never bring additional restrictions in the future. A brief glance at history shows just how horribly wrong they are.

I do not know the first law enacted in this country which restricted freedom of speech, but

that law served as the precedent for the next law, then the next and the next, until we finally reached our current, dismal situation. Today, in America, we have freedom of speech curtailed by numerous laws passed by Congress on employment, advertising and other areas, forbidding you to say or ask certain things. These laws have stood the First Amendment on its head and have established the following precedent: Congress shall make laws abridging freedom of speech. The precedent of these laws is now being used by statist who are clamoring for passage of legislation to restrict freedom of speech even more, specifically in their efforts to further restrict and control the advertisement of tobacco products and in their efforts to restrict free expression on the Internet. If statist are successful in delivering this blow to freedom, they will move on to another area in which they will seek to further limit freedom of speech. The logic of their doing so is irresistible: if it is right to outlaw some speech (cigarette advertisements or free expression on the Internet) which they deem harmful (in this case, to kids), then it is right to forbid any kind of speech which they consider to be harmful to children or anyone else. You don't think it will happen? Well, it has already happened. ***The Congressional leaders of the Democratic party, Tom Daschle and Richard Gephardt, are now pushing for an amendment to the Constitution, under the ruse***

of "campaign spending reform," to further limit freedom of speech. Gephardt states, in the February 18, 1997 issue of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*: "I know it is a serious step to amend the First Amendment." And he further declares: "What we have is two important values in conflict: freedom of speech and our desire for healthy campaigns in a healthy democracy. You can't have both." If we can't have both, then which one do you think you are going to be forced to surrender? Your freedom of speech. And statist, such as Gephardt, will use the legal restrictions already established on your freedom of speech as the precedent and justification for their proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Now, ask yourself this: would you ever endorse a position on an issue which declares, if only implicitly, that you do not possess the right to life and liberty? Your likely answer is: no, you would not. But let's further consider the proposal by some statist to place further limitations on tobacco advertisements. Let's suppose you support legal restrictions on what tobacco companies may say about their products. In supporting such restrictions, you have, in principle, invalidated your right to life and liberty. ***The meaning of your right to life and liberty is this: you may live your life as you see fit, without seeking the permission of others, free from the forcible***

interference of others (as long as you do not violate the same right of another). Speech is a particular action taken by an individual. To regulate individual speech is to restrict individual freedom of action through the government's initiation of force. If it is right to regulate, by the initiation of force, some individual action, then, statist will reason, it is right to regulate any kind of individual action. Once you have accepted this much, in principle, nothing in your life is immune from regulation—and it is in this manner you have invalidated your right to life and liberty by sanctioning the restrictions placed upon the owners of tobacco companies, restrictions on what they may say about their products. You have supported an idea which declares, by implication, that you may not live your life as you see fit, you must seek permission from others before acting, others may forcibly interfere in your life—in other words, you have surrendered, in principle, your right to life and liberty—and this is precisely what a majority in this country have already done. Most Americans have long since surrendered, in principle, their right to life and liberty: they have surrendered it intellectually without ever knowing that they have done so. And what we have seen, and continue to see, in America is simply the process of statist, step by step, implementing, in practice, that surrender.

It is truly frightening to consider the state of mind of so many Americans. Most Americans are so thoroughly compartmentalized in their thinking, only narrowly focusing on the practical events of their daily lives, that when some practical event occurs in someone else's life in some distant city, they never grasp the principle of that event, never understanding that if it can happen to someone else that it can and, given enough time, will eventually happen to them. So, when statisticians forcibly impose the banishment of ads for cigarettes and thereby restrict the freedom of speech of the owners of tobacco companies, most will dismiss this as insignificant because the statisticians haven't yet gotten around to

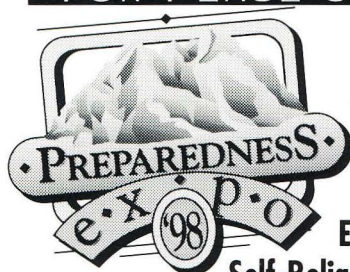
restricting their freedom of speech in the practical events of their daily lives. Most never grasp the principle involved in such a situation, never understand the threat it represents and will be surprised when those restrictions on speech are finally applied to them in practical terms. Once that occurs, then they just might—and I stress might—be alarmed, but many, if not most, will not be alarmed even then. Even when their own ox is gored by statisticians, when new regulations are enacted which restrict freedom, in practice, in their own lives, most still don't get it: most never grasp the principle involved, never understand that their right to life and liberty has been violated and simply shrug off the new regulations as a mere annoyance,

a personal inconvenience to be tolerated.

Finally, as you will see in the coming pages, one of the greatest threats to your freedom comes from the fact that most in this country are intellectually defenseless against what is, perhaps, the single most important tactical weapon statisticians utilize in their ceaseless efforts to destroy your freedom: the corruption of the meaning of words and the concepts for which they stand. Consider the concept of freedom. In the case of the term freedom, statisticians have succeeded in erasing the real meaning of the term from the minds of most and substituting in its stead another meaning: "having a choice." "Having a

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choice" is not the definition of freedom; it is part of the concept of freedom but it is not its definition. Now weigh very carefully the manner in which this statist definition, if you accept it, will lead you astray, drawing you into statism's snare. Statists, under this definition of "freedom," will claim, for instance, that children of poor parents do not have the "freedom" to attend the college of their choice or the "freedom" to receive the very best medical care because of a lack of funds or that struggling artists do not have "freedom" of expression because they lack money—all of which will lead to your eventual support of statist programs to provide funds for these individuals through money forcibly plucked from your checking account. And then, in an effort to get you to drop your guard, there will be statists, probably the academic types, who will claim freedom can never totally disappear, as I maintain it can, that there is some "freedom" of action even under a dictatorship, that individuals still have some choices, that they are "free" to, say, scratch their nose or buy something at a grocery store or go to a movie. ***Freedom is the ability to act without the initiation of force (or its threat) being used against you—and political freedom is the ability to act without the initiation of force (or its threat) being used against you by the state.*** Under a totalitarian state, every possible act you might take is either forbidden or under the threat of the initiation

of force and, therefore, your freedom is totally gone. Thus, while a totalitarian regime might permit an individual a limited range of choices about certain matters, that individual is not free and is a total slave, with any choice the individual might be able to make momentarily subject to banishment by the state at any moment. Slaves in the antebellum South were usually permitted by their masters a limited range of choices, but these slaves were not living in freedom, in spite of having choices available to them. To accept the statist definition of "freedom" is to conclude even the Holocaust victims in Nazi concentration camps still had some "freedom" while they waited for their extermination: they still had some limited choices, such as emitting a verbal greeting or walking among the other prisoners in these camps. Those who accept the definition of freedom as "having a choice" will not recognize totalitarianism even when it finally arrives, so it is vitally important to understand not only the correct definition of freedom but also the following: freedom is totally lost when every area of your life is actually controlled by, or vulnerable to, the initiation of force by the state—and this is precisely what statists are attempting to achieve in America. Statists are attempting to eventually arrive at the point where there will be nothing to stop them from doing anything they want with your life, your money and your property—and if they finally reach this goal, you may be allowed, for the moment, by

statists to have some choices in your life, but you will not be free and you will be a total slave of a totalitarian state.

The pattern of statism's successful march throughout this land has been, and still is, the following: statists enact that first law diminishing freedom in some area of your life, such as your ability to speak freely, and, in doing so, smuggle into the minds of the never-see-the-principle crowd the idea the state may pass laws abridging, say, freedom of speech. Once that has been accomplished, the precedent and the justification for future restrictions are firmly established in the minds of those who accepted the first legislative step restricting freedom, thus opening the door for more and more restrictions on your freedom. There is only one way to stop this pattern of liberty's gradual, incremental destruction: begin to understand the principle at stake in each issue and, in doing so, begin to understand the future consequences of ideas before you lend your support to them. Once you do this, you will then be intellectually enlightened.

If your goal is to protect individual liberty, you must oppose statism totally and consistently, only then will we halt statism's virulent growth and begin to turn America in the direction of expanding individual freedom. As you will come to understand, to accept any part of statism is to eventually

end up accepting it totally. In the movie Spartacus, the central hero is a slave named Spartacus. He leads other slaves in a revolt against the tyrants of Rome. After crushing the first Roman legion sent against them, Spartacus, in an electrifying moment, declares: "We want nothing from Rome, nothing, except our freedom!" This, in essence, is the proper stance in the fight against statism. It must be the battle cry of those who wish to limit government to its proper purpose: the protection of individual freedom. ***We need a revolt, at the ballot box, against the legions of little dictators who seek to take as much of your freedom as they can. Our guiding vision must be to restore the***

original American dream: make this truly the land of the free. Judge the candidates and the issues accordingly.

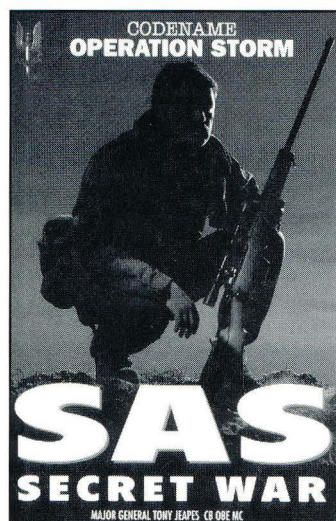
While the Nazis were defeated militarily in World War II, their ideas survived, ideas which, with each passing decade, have gained ascendancy in America. True enough, the ideas of statism were not originated by Hitler: he simply cashed in on the ideas which dominated pre-Nazi Germany. It is also true that the ideas of statism had established a political beachhead in the United States long before Hitler ever gained power. Hitler was simply the most prominent and notorious symbol

of statism in the twentieth century and although Hitler died, the venomous, festering legacy of statism did not die with him. In a profound sense, Hitler won, after all—or, at least, he has won so far: once a majority in America understands the nature of the ideas advocated by statists, and rejects those ideas, ***Hitler will finally be defeated. He has already been defeated in body: we just need to finish the job and kill him in spirit, kill the ideas of statism which are running amuck in this country.***



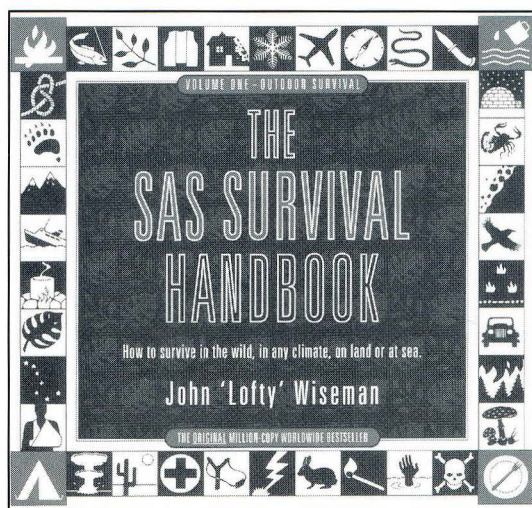
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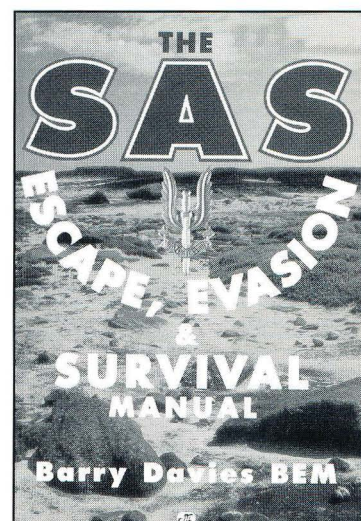


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But that's only the last paragraph.

Prior to that, Mr. Jefferson and his co-signers spent 29 paragraphs doing ... what?

"Declaring their causes," of course! We did this — anyone would have the right to do this — because of a "long train of Abuses and Usurpations," remember?

"He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harrass our People, and eat out their Substance." Remember?

"He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.

"He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

"He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our

Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of Pretended Legislation:

"For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

"For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States. ..."

This is not just schoolboy stuff. A message etched in fire from our patrimony, these words tell us how Americans shall know when they are again justified in declaring themselves free of a parasitical tyrant.

Fast forward 216 years, to the late summer of 1992. Part-time gunsmith Randy Weaver had failed to show up for a court date, after being entrapped by ATF agents hoping to turn him into a snitch, to spy on a nearby CHURCH.

Federal marshals now trespass on the Weaver family's private Idaho property (the marshals carry no warrant this day and are not there to make an arrest), and open fire when they're spotted by the family dog, killing the dog, and also Weaver's 14-year-old son, Sammy. A federal marshal is also killed, either in self defense or by

fratricidal fire. (The federals never release any shell casings or autopsy results for independent review — but a jury acquits Weaver and family friend Kevin Harris in the death.)

The federal government answers by flooding the property with hundreds more trespassers in full combat gear. FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi then shoots at Weaver and Harris as the pair races back to his front door, after paying their respects to young Sammy's body in an outbuilding. ***One of Horiuchi's shots passes through the window of the kitchen door, shooting away much of the brain of Weaver's wife Vicky, for whom there are no warrants outstanding.*** At the moment prior to her death (which comes after 30 seconds of blood-curdling screams), Vicki Weaver was holding her baby in her arms in her own kitchen, threatening no one.

Unaware they have murdered Vicky Weaver, federal agents continue to shout taunting remarks at her dead body, in the full hearing of her children, for days. The federal government eventually pays Weaver — acquitted of murder and all other major charges — and his children \$3.1 million in damages for these wrongful actions.

After a year-long review, the U.S. Justice Department decides in 1994 not to charge sniper Lon

Horiuchi with any crime. Like the Germans at Nuremberg, they declare he was "just following orders."

But, just before the five-year statute of limitations is due to toll, in August of 1997, Boundary County (Idaho) Prosecutor Denise Woodbury bravely files a charge of involuntary manslaughter against this armed trooper, who has long been quartered among us as part of the 60,000-strong federal "standing army" of FBI, DEA, ATF and other Einsatzgruppen troopers.

Here now is the vital test. Will this "king's officer" be allowed to stand trial on the evidence, before a randomly selected jury of Idahoans, in their own state court? Or will the new king "protect him, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which he has committed on the Inhabitants of these States"?

Jan. 7, 1998: The Associated Press informs us:

"BONNERS FERRY, Idaho (AP) — A judge today ordered an FBI sharpshooter to stand trial on a state manslaughter charge for the death of white separatist Randy Weaver's wife in the 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge. ...

"Magistrate Judge Quentin Harden ... scheduled a Feb. 13 arraignment before state Judge James Michaud."

So far so good.

But now the inevitable:

Jan. 12, 1998: "BOISE, Idaho (AP) — FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi won his bid today to be tried in federal court on the

state charge brought against him in the death of white separatist Randy Weaver's wife in the 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge. ...

"Horiuchi, supported by the U.S. Justice Department, petitioned the federal court to take over the case on grounds that the transfer is allowed when federal agents are prosecuted for conduct in their official capacity.

"U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge agreed. ...

Neither murder nor manslaughter, of course, is a federal crime. State courts have sole jurisdiction to try such cases.

Clearly, the federals want jurisdiction here so they can either dismiss the case, or (if a public outcry renders that unwise) so limit the evidence admitted that the question to be decided ends up nothing more than "Was Agent Horiuchi obeying what he believed was a lawful order at the time?"

Sort of like letting Martin Borman set the ground rules for the Nuremberg trials.

Modern federal judges — like Judge Smith in the trial of the Waco survivors — are famous for declaring "The United States government isn't going to be put on trial in my courtroom."

As one of my e-mail correspondents puts it: ***"The test for whether one is living in a police state is that those who are charged with enforcing the law are allowed to break the laws with impunity."***

This — along with Janet

Reno and her Waco Killers still roaming free, of course — is the great modern test of whether this Union can long endure.

If Lon Horiuchi walks (or even if some untimely "accident" allows him to escape justice) while the surviving VICTIMS of the federal assault at Waco are still serving long prison terms, after being found INNOCENT of all major charges, then what shall we say to the patriot who advises: "If you see a federal agent committing a crime, don't bother turning him in, just shoot him down like a dog. Kill him on the spot, and walk away without giving it a moment's thought."

Showing our respect for due process, do we continue to say: "Oh no, that would be wrong. Just turn him in to the proper authorities, and justice will be done"?

Do we, really?

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"If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you. May your chains set lightly upon you; and

Justice for Waco and Oklahoma City

by Dave Kopel

Today, April 19th, is the sad anniversary of the two of the most awful mass homicides in American history: the bombing of the Alfred Murrah courthouse in Oklahoma City, and the burning of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco. The perpetrators of the horrible crime in Oklahoma City are apparently in custody, and will very likely be found guilty and executed. But many of the perpetrators of Waco remain at large.

While refusing to appoint a special prosecutor for President Clinton's fund-raising, Attorney General Janet Reno insists that she has no conflict of interest in investigating the matter. She can hardly make such a claim about Waco, and ***a special prosecutor is needed to investigate the mounting body of evidence that federal agents perpetrated numerous felonies at Waco, with deadly consequences.***

Perhaps the first felony was in the procurement of the search warrant, because lying on a federal search warrant application is a federal felony. Attempting to bolster a very shaky effort to create probable cause, a BATF agent swore that "clandestine" publications like *Shotgun News* had been observed in the Branch Davidian home. But *Shotgun News*—as a BATF agent would know, but a gullible federal magistrate would not—is a non-clandestine newspaper with a circulation of nearly 200,000, available on newsstands all over the U.S.

After the failed BATF raid on February 28, 1993, the Texas Rangers were deputized as United States Marshals, and ordered to conduct an investigation of the day's events. ***The Rangers told the Department of Justice that the BATF raid commanders had lied to them under oath, but the Department of Justice did nothing.***

The Posse Comitatus Act provides criminal penalties

for illegal use of the military in domestic law enforcement. As detailed in the 1995 Congressional hearings, both BATF agents and officers of the U.S. Army's Joint Task Force Six appear to have deliberately violated the Posse Comitatus Act, by using military equipment and trainers for the Waco raid. ***There was no evidence, then or now, for the BATF's assertion that the Branch Davidians were manufacturing methamphetimine.*** (There is a drug war exception to the Posse Comitatus Act.)

Illegally riding in military helicopters during the raid, BATF agents may have strafed the second story of the Branch Davidian home, using the machine pistols they were carrying. The numerous bullet holes in the roof could not have come from any other source.

In violation of BATF rules and the criminal law of Texas, at least one BATF agent on the ground apparently began firing wildly, rather than aiming at armed targets. According to a British coroner's report, British citizen and Branch Davidian Winston Blake was killed at the beginning of the raid, by a high-power rifle bullet that ripped through a wall and hit him in the head, while he was eating a breakfast roll in the kitchen.

After the raid, BATF agents took Koresh's gun dealer Henry McMahon and his wife into "protective custody," held them against their will, and ordered them not to talk with the FBI. ***McMahon was the only person outside the Branch Davidian compound who knew that when the BATF began investigating Koresh in June 1992, Koresh had peacefully invited BATF to visit his house, and inspect his guns.***

Regarding the disastrous April 19 tank and chemical warfare assault, several FBI officials may have acted with depraved indifference to human life, when they

violated the Attorney General's orders and continued the tank attack even after listening devices revealed that some of the male Branch Davidians were spreading lighter fluid on floors throughout the building, intending to light a "holy" fire to destroy the tanks which were smashing into the compound.

Other crimes may have been committed in the deceptions that led Attorney General Reno to finally approve the tank and chemical warfare plan. These deceptions include the baseless claim that Koresh was currently beating the babies (as he actually had done years before); the assertion that CS chemical warfare agent the FBI was planning to use was merely a mild tear gas—even though it has killed and severely injured people when used in enclosed places; and the assurance that the Branch Davidians were unlikely to commit suicide, when FBI behavioral experts had said just the opposite. The FBI also neglected to inform the Attorney General of Koresh's April 14th letter offering to surrender, upon completing a manuscript explaining the Seven Seals of the Book of Revelation. (By April 19, Koresh had finished an introduction, and an analysis of the first seal.)

After the fire, the Texas Rangers found a fireproof safe containing \$50,000 in cash, plus gold and platinum. The Rangers signed the safe and its contents over to the FBI, but the safe and contents are now unaccounted for.

In June 1993, the 911 recording of the Branch Davidians' February 28 call for help to the local sheriff was played before Congress. An FBI official had resequenced the tape, minimizing the effect of the Davidians' frightened shouts about incoming helicopters. Tampering with evidence presented to Congress is, of course, a federal crime.

The tangled web of contradictory and patently false stories told by various federal employees at the 1993 and 1995 Congressional hearings on Waco ought to make perjury cases about as easy as prosecuting a bank robber caught on videotape.

While Timothy McVeigh may have imagined that his heinous crime was some sort of retribution for Waco, the just response to the murder of innocents is lawful punishment of the guilty, not the murder of more innocents. *If Attorney General Reno refuses to appoint a special prosecutor for all the Waco crimes, then the department she heads can scarcely be called a Department of Justice.*

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The Deafening Silence of the Feminists

It is hard to be an optimist these days. It seems that just when you think a tiny smidgen of justice is about to take place it gets washed away like a piece of California coast in an *El Nino* hurricane. Case and point is the incredible ruling by federal judge Susan Weber Wright to dismiss the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton.

The spin that the mass media is putting on the story has been presented with the ingenious use of polls to divert attention from the real issues as hand. The polls the media insists all say that most people feel that the President's private affairs are of little consequence, especially when he is doing such a great job running the country and the economy in particular.

No one challenges the faulty premise that Clinton has anything to do with a successful economy. If one looks back over the last six years we may recall that Clinton fought tooth and nail for socialist tax and spend programs that would have been a disaster had they not been torpedoed by a Republican congress. The fact that Clinton hijacked the Republican agenda on everything from standards in public education to welfare reform and just said "No" to Hillary's socialized medicine scheme is conveniently forgotten.

Don't get me wrong. I am not a one man cheering section for the Republican Party, but in this particular case they and the

American people that voted for them deserve a lot of credit in thwarting a landslide of socialist legislation that surely would have been enacted if the Clintons had their way.

The real test of moral and political will and courage on the part of the Republicans will come in the next few months as they decide whether or not to impeach President Clinton for high crimes and misdemeanors of which he is assuredly guilty.

Another important point that no one in the media wants to acknowledge is that in ***a free society the standard of living and economic vitality that its citizens produce have nothing to do with the government.*** More precisely stated, the less the government interferes with private business, the stronger the economy will be. The less wealth the government steals from its citizens, the healthier the economy will be. The fewer rules, regulations and restrictions the government puts on those that create wealth, the more vibrant the economy will be.

By continually presenting the faulty premise that the health of free market economy is dependent upon the leadership, wisdom and control of the government, they serve to reinforce the lie that public educators and politicians love to perpetrate which is that they are necessary.

President and Mrs. Clinton did everything in their power to subvert the economy in order to promote their vision of social change in America. Whatever strides the American economy has taken in the last few years has occurred in spite of and not because of the Clintons. This is a point that cannot be stressed enough.

I for one take it as an affront that anyone professes to run my life or expresses a desire to run my life. I don't want anyone running my life or running the country. Totalitarian states such as Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviet Union were "run." Free societies are not. As Thomas Sowell so aptly said, ***"Free men and women don't need to be lead anywhere. All free men and women need is opportunity."***

This now begets the second question that arises from the doctrine of ignoring moral transgressions in the face of a robust economy. What if the economy was in terrible shape with inflation running rampant, the stock market hitting new lows and the unemployment rate hitting new highs? Would that now make President Clinton's adultery and subsequent perjury when asked about it any more reprehensible?

Must we take into account the state of the economy or the state of the union prior to casting

judgement on the morality or acceptability of a president's actions in the Oval Office? Is morality and proper conduct now to be judged on a sliding scale based on the latest Dow Jones closing price?

The answer to all of these questions is of course one loud, resounding "No." But we must not lose sight of the incredibly dangerous precedent that the media has set by tying in the health of the nation's economy with the actions of the man elected to its highest office.

Forgive me for straying off course a little bit but I felt it was necessary to slam-dunk the media's latest diversionary tactic in their attempt to cover-up for the president. Even if President Clinton was in some way responsible for a healthy economy (which he is not) and strong leadership (which thankfully he is not providing) how does that make his sexual behavior towards one of his employees when he was governor of Arkansas any less reprehensible?

The answer is of course it doesn't.

Paula Jones was an employee of the state of Arkansas when President Clinton allegedly exposed himself to her and requested that she perform oral sex on him. Bill Clinton, the governor of Arkansas at the time, was her boss. Not directly of course, but Bill Clinton was the highest ranking state official in Arkansas and as the state's chief executive he was everyone's boss who worked for the state. You need not be a graduate of the Harvard Law School to follow this line of

reasoning.

Likewise, President Clinton was Monica Lewinsky's boss when she had oral sex with him. This is a clear and blatant violation of federal law as well as a transgression of anything remotely resembling moral behavior.

Judge Wright ruled that exposing yourself to your employee in an effort to solicit sexual favors is not sexual harassment as long as the one initiating the exposure in this case Bill Clinton stops once the party being solicited says "no." As baffling and illogical as this judicial ruling is, especially in the context of the social and political climate of the last decade, not to mention current federal guidelines explicitly defining sexual harassment, it makes perfect sense when you look at the reactions or lack thereof on the part of the so called feminists.

Gloria Steinem, the *Playboy* bunny turned bra-burner-feminist-poster-girl, er, uh, woman of the seventies in essence said the same thing as Judge Wright about the president's behavior — as long as he stopped when he was asked to do so then his behavior was not sexual harassment and not inappropriate. WOW. If we take that brilliant piece of reasoning to its logical conclusion we can assume that ***if swinging your ant eater in the breeze in front of one of your female employees in the hope of getting your knob polished is OK, then anything short of that (no pun intended) would also be OK.***

If that is the case, why was there such an uproar over Anita Hill's uncorroborated accusation that Clarence Thomas talked about TALKED ABOUT such blasphemous things as pubic hair and X-rated movies? If you recall the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination hearings, it was treated by the media like the Eichman trial in Jerusalem. Thomas himself so appropriately labeled the whole shameful affair as a "high tech lynching." He was almost right. It was an attempted high tech lynching. Thomas as you know was in fact confirmed when a host of women proudly and defiantly testified on his behalf and the blatant contradictions and absurdities of Miss Hill's accusations became apparent.

For what it is worth Anita Hill recently said that what President Clinton has done is not sexual harassment because his policies are ultimately correct and that is what counts. As David Kopel said on Denver Public Television, "She still doesn't get it."

But then as now there was the deafening silence.

The Monica Lewinsky affair gives even more compelling evidence of the cowardly hypocrisy of the feminists. After seven months of stonewalling Ken Starr's investigation, lying under oath and to the American people, evading all inquiries from the press, ignoring his own political advisors and getting his wife and cabinet officers to lie for him, President Clinton kind of sort of admits he

had a sexual affair with a 21-year-old intern and not one voice of outrage or condemnation has come forth from the ranks of the feminists.

The color of man's skin should not have the slightest relevancy one way or another in terms of how he is judged by any rational man. Dr. Martin Luther King's most famous words are "I have a dream that one day my children will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Amen, Dr. King.

But those who make a career out of exploiting the politics of race had the perfect opportunity to defend a fellow black man who himself had the opportunity to become one of the most powerful and influential men in the land. In theory this is the very embodiment of what groups like the NAACP, SCLC and Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition stand for.

But they were silent when Clarence Thomas needed support the most. The reason for their silence is obvious, not the least of which is that they had plenty to fear from a man like Clarence Thomas who had demonstrated with consistency that he had the courage, intelligence and integrity to uphold his libertarian and conservative values as they applied to the constitution. In other words ***a man like Clarence Thomas would not be impressed with the shake down guilt trip hustle used by the likes of Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton.*** Indeed they had plenty to fear from a man like Clarence Thomas sitting on the Supreme Court.

They weren't then and they are not now concerned with legitimate issues of racial discrimination and injustice. They are the most despicable power brokers with a specific political agenda and will use the race card if and when it serves their partisan interests.

The specific political agenda that they have is an increase in the power of the government at the expense of individual liberty. They always support racist, socialist legislation such as affirmative action, hiring quotas, make work job projects, public housing, welfare in all of its forms that ultimately serve to enrich only those who broker and administer the projects themselves – while making sure that the people who they profess to want to help stay permanently poor and permanently indebted to them.

This now brings us back to Slick Willie's willie and the feminists who suddenly forgot what they have been screaming about for the last twenty five years. Remember Republican Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon and how he was crucified in the press and by the so called feminist movement for his alleged sexual misconduct and sexual harassment of women?

Anita Hill was the sole voice accusing Clarence Thomas of sexual misconduct and every so

called feminist organization condemned and attacked him in the strongest possible terms. Paula Jones is not the first woman and will not be the last woman to claim that Bill Clinton attempted to have or in fact did have a sexual relationship with them while he was married and either governor of Arkansas or president of the United States.

There is Jennifer Flowers, former Miss Arkansas and later former Miss America Elizabeth Ward Gracen, former White House Intern Monica Lewinsky, rock groupie Connie Hamzy, former Miss Arkansas Sally Perdue, high school flame Dolly Kyle Browning, former White House chief steward Debra Schiff, stewardess Cristy Zercher and last but not least Kathleen Willey. Rumors of other such infidelities on the part of the president abound. Bill Clinton's story is that they are all lying. I suppose for a man who said that he didn't inhale, no one should be too surprised.

Where was Patricia Ireland of the National Organization of Women (NOW)? Where was Pat Schroeder? They were shamefully silent throughout the myriad of sexual misconduct accusations hurled against Bill Clinton for the last six years. It was not until after the *60 Minutes* interview with Kathleen Willey did the Patsy twins crawl out from under their rocks in a painfully embarrassing effort to salvage what little credibility they may have still had and begrudgingly admit to the press that perhaps not all is well in Camelot.

And where is Bella

Abzug? Oh, she's dead. Well, we'll let her off the hook this time.

These women and the organizations they created do not care in the slightest bit about legitimate issues of sexual discrimination and violence against women.

Like their slippery soulmates in the racial power broker game they are working the sexual power broker game and again you guessed it—they have a very specific partisan political agenda that takes priority over any objective case of a powerful man taking advantage of his position by sexually harassing his female employees.

These so-called feminists use trendy catch words like empowerment but that is in fact the last thing they really want.

If these women were really feminists and were really concerned about stopping rape and ending violence against women they would be the most radical and active members of the NRA and would be in the forefront of the movement to enact "shall issue" concealed carry laws for the respective states in which they live. But they are in fact proponents of gun control.

In the People's Republic of Boulder, Colorado there is an annual event that occurs called "Take Back the Night." It is comprised mainly of female students at the University of Colorado and other feminist and lesbian groups in the community

They gather on the campus, listen to feminist speeches for awhile and then march around the streets of Boulder chanting politically correct slogans about how bad it is to beat up and rape women. The idea is to "raise consciousness" in the community about violence against women.

I and a few friends of mine attended one of these "Take Back the Night Rallies" with the expressed purpose of handing out leaflets for my gun shop Paladin Arms which encouraged women to take back the night not once-but 365 times a year by purchasing a handgun and training with it. Some of the women we spoke with responded quite favorably to our presence, although none of them subsequently showed up at my gun shop.

Clearly the overwhelming majority however were viscerously hostile towards us, especially the organizers of the event who tried unsuccessfully to have us arrested. That night the Boulder police seemed to understand the concept of the First Amendment.

The feminist organizers were upset about the fact that we were men. As we later learned men were not allowed to participate in the rally. We were giving practical and realistic solutions to the problems of physical safety to women. Our solution was for individual women to accept the responsibility of protecting their own lives by obtaining and learning how to use a firearm. This was in our opinion the embodiment of empowerment.

The leaders of this feminist rally made no effort to

conceal their contempt for us. They were enraged at us not because our solutions were impractical or unworkable—quite the contrary. But our plan would protect women at the expense of the power and hold they had over these very same women. Again they had a specific political agenda which called for them to be the power brokers as they exploited the legitimate issue of women's safety for their own gain. The last thing they were interested in was something women could do on their own that would actually protect them. As The Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter once wrote, "Once in a while you can get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right."

Well, that scene of four guys surrounded by a sea of screaming, half crazed, angry hard core lesbians wanting to tear us apart was indeed a strange place. But it did get me to thinking about why our presence was so threatening. And then of course it hit me how ***this whole feminist empowerment movement is just a sham just another sleazy attempt at power brokering legislation that will steal more tax dollars to enact more laws that will erode individual freedom and enrich a handful of politicians and bureaucrats and lawyers.***

The one thing that all of these feminist groups have in common is that they look toward

government like the big, powerful male figure they are all lacking in their lives as the solution to their problems. I can't get a job because I'm a woman. We need a law. I don't get paid enough because I'm a woman. We need a law. I might lose my job if I get pregnant. We need a law. I get beat up because I'm a woman. We need a law. I'm in fear of my physical safety. We need a law. Men don't understand women's issues. We need a law.

I suppose it would never occur to them to take the time to educate and develop their skills and talents to the point where the marketplace would look at them as valuable assets regardless of their gender and negotiate their contracts accordingly. Nor would it occur to them to buy and learn how to use a gun. And lastly perish the thought of them interacting with secure, rational and intelligent men.

The National Organization of Women, Pat Schroeder, Gloria Steinham, and all of the others have destroyed what little credibility they once may have had by their shocking and cowardly silence in the face of the multitude of charges against Bill Clinton. If there was ever any doubt about the true agenda of the feminist movement it should now be painfully clear. Bill Clinton and the liberal wing of the Democratic Party are a part of their clique and they will not say a bad word about him even in the face of overwhelming evidence that he abused and continues to abuse his position to solicit sexual favors from women.

This is a despicable and inexcusable form of behavior for

any man, let alone for the president of the United States. The so-called feminists know it, too. Their cover is blown now once and for all. Clinton may have

dodged yet another political bullet, but the mistake the feminists made by their silence could be a fatal one in the long run. Let's hope so •



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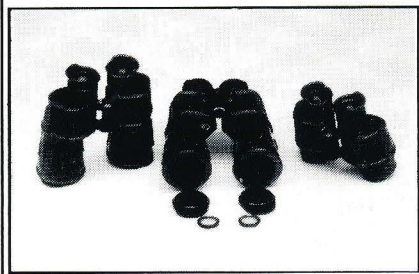
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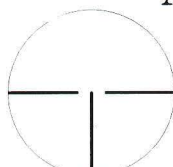
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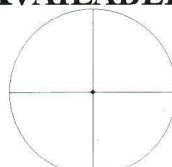
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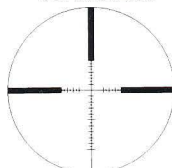
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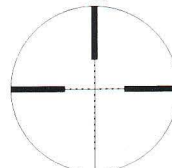
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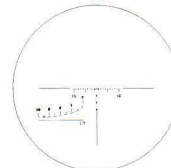
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IT'S TIME FOR FRIENDLIER SKIES

by L. Neil Smith

I hate to say, "I told you so." In this particular case, you have no idea how much I hate to say, "I told you so."

Let me begin by reminding you of a story we all heard recently on radio and TV, in which an entire concourse at what my wife Cathy calls ***"DOA: Denver's Other Airport" was evacuated in a bizarre spasm of hysteria when it was somehow discovered that the 23 passengers from the wilds of Wyoming had boarded a plane in the Cowboy State and flown all the way, a hundred miles, to Colorado without having been searched beforehand!***

Nothing else would do, of course, but that they had to be searched anyway, out at Pena's Pyramid on the Prairie, before they could be unleashed, reluctantly and grudgingly, upon the helpless, unsuspecting inhabitants of the second dumbest place in North America to build a city.

But wait ... haven't we been told all these years — all these decades — that the reason for the unconstitutional and intrusive search-and-seizure rituals at America's airports is to protect passengers and crew of aircraft from misadventure while they're in the air? And hadn't these unshaven barbarians from the windward side of the Great Wall of Sterling already made their way to the bejewelled umbilicus of High Plains civilization without killing or

eating anybody?

Then why the panic? Perhaps because the safety of passengers and crew is only an excuse — and a lame one, it would appear — for searching people and their belongings in contravention of several articles of the Bill of Rights.

Perhaps it's the search itself that's important, for its own sake, as it always turns out to be in a police state. Didn't the Praetorian Guard, after all, originally charged with protecting the person of the Emperor, come to rule Rome in the end, choosing each new Emperor themselves?

Perhaps it's a chance for our self appointed elite to peer up the anuses of at least one small segment of the peasantry they view as their property. It's something they feel they have to settle for now, when what they really want, and believe they'll eventually get, is, in the wishful words of Abner Mikva, former congressman, federal judge, and personal attorney to Bill Clinton, "a metal detector in every doorway."

And at the present rate, especially in light of Ruby Ridge, Mount Carmel, and the accelerating devolution of the public school system into a national chain of concentration camps, it shouldn't be long now.

Which brings us back to "I told you so."

Twenty-one years ago this summer, as a member of the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee, I introduced a proposed plank that would have demanded an

end to airport security as it was then being established. I pointed out that what was being perpetrated at airports across the country (I'd just gotten off a Boeing 707 myself, Denver to San Francisco, and I was still angry) was completely illegal.

I pointed out the hypocrisy (hypocrisy they don't even bother with today) with which the air transportation system was justifying its violation of people's rights, claiming to be private corporations when it suited them (thus able to impose any conditions they liked on use of their facilities) and claiming to be part of the government when that served them better (enabling them to arrest, probe, and detain individuals for things they supposedly hadn't been searching for, like drugs).

And beyond that, I warned my fellow platform committee members that America's airports would become — were already becoming — centers out of which an increasingly illegal and intrusive police state mentality would spread to infect the remainder of the country, culminating in what we now identify as the militarization of the civil police and the fascist violence that invariably accompanies such a thing.

My fellow committee members, those 20 individuals presumably closest to the forefront of the movement to restore American freedom (as well as those 20 individuals best-versed in the dismal history of its loss), laughed at me and patted me on the head. Most of them had just flown into San Francisco,

too, I was grandly informed and were grateful to have been protected by the wise and beneficent system I had so rashly taken it upon myself to criticize. In short, in spite of who and what they claimed to be, these 20 had made the elementary mistake Benjamin Franklin had warned against two centuries before, of being willing to exchange liberty for security — and winding up with neither.

Some of those 20 will read this (I'll see to it personally) and I wonder which will have the moral courage to admit that I was right and they were wrong. Not that it matters; I'd much rather it had been the other way around. As I said before, I hate to say, "I told you so." especially in this case. But I did, and now look at what we're stuck with.

I once adored travelling by air.

And then for a while I used to lament the fact that *All of America's airports had been transformed into little extraterritorial pockets of Bulgaria, operated by the very dregs of law enforcement, so low on the evolutionary ladder that even Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms wouldn't hire them, the thick-featured, cretinous, machinegun-toting uniformed thugs with thick black mustaches and armpit hair dribbling out their shirtcuffs.*

And those were just the

women.

Now even Bulgaria is a nicer place to be — and demonstrates greater respect for individual dignity and freedom — than America's airports. On the whole, I'd rather travel by oxcart. At least nobody who drove them tried to beat you up, imprison you, steal everything you had, and refuse to give it back even if you were innocent, simply because you exercised the good sense to carry a quarter-staff for self-protection.

But wait again ... there may be hope on the horizon.

I'm a professional science fiction writer (I was a *larval* SF writer back in San Francisco, having just outlined what would become my first novel, *The Probability Broach*), and I'm paid — very poorly, I'll have you know — to be sensitive to the subtlest changes in cultural currents. I predicted the collapse of the Soviet Empire a decade before it happened, I predicted the development of the digital wristwatch, and now I see Signs and Portents that "the times they are a'changin'".

In the first place the average pizza shop manager today is better conversant with American history and the Bill of Rights than most of the people on the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee were then. The notion of stringent Bill of Rights enforcement, while not yet a groundswell, seems to resonate more loudly and clearly with such people each time I

awkwardly wrench the conversation around to include it.

In the second place, more Americans own guns today than at any other time in history (something which, following in the steps of another SF writer, Robert A. Heinlein, I'm happy to believe I'm at least partly responsible for). And the issue of armed self-defense is hotter than it's ever been. At the grass roots, the social and political enemies of the right to own and carry weapons are in abject retreat.

At the national level — the ass-end of the dinosaur, always last to get the message — gun-grabbers can still make things inconvenient for the rest of us with statutes that, more than anything, resemble the Jim Crow laws of Reconstruction. But even they realize their days are numbered. You can smell their fear and see the panic in their eyes.

A major reason for their fear and panic (and the fact that they have nothing left to rely on but brute force and lies) is a growing plentitude of highly respectable studies, usually initiated by anti-gun scholars — and immediately spread far and wide by the world's first totally liberated medium of communication, the internet — indicating beyond a shadow of a doubt that (in an historical and legal context) the Founding Fathers meant for every one of us to own and carry weapons, and that they stated it clearly in a Second Amendment to the Constitution which means exactly what we've always said it does.

In a utilitarian context, the same kind of studies, generally initiated

by other anti-gun liberals, indicate beyond the same shadow of a doubt that, as Heinlein put it, "An armed society is a polite society". My own first novel is dedicated largely to demonstrating what most of us on the gun-owning side have always known intuitively: if everyone is free to carry any weapon any way they like, crime will evaporate.

And indeed, when a few states began, a decade later, to make it slightly easier for the average person to carry a concealed weapon, the rate of violent crime — exactly as I'd predicted — began to plummet 10, 20, 30, 40 percentage points. Score another one for the guy who also predicted that the anti-abortion movement would turn violent.

A recent book, written by University of Chicago professor John Lott, the author of the latest of these accidentally pro-gun scholarly studies, manages to say it all, just in its title: *More Guns, Less Crime*.

Elsewhere, I've suggested that this formula be applied in the nation's schools. ***The only thing wrong with kids bringing guns to school is that it's the wrong kids bringing them, for the wrong reason.*** If the reason were self-defense, schools would become part of Heinlein's "polite society" and kids could go back to learning to read again.

But it's equally important to apply the formula "more guns, less crime" to the nation's airports. There would be no need for

uniformed thugs, metal detectors, or "sky marshalls" in an ambience where, if somebody tried to hijack a plane, a dozen passengers shot him to pieces.

For that matter, the "more guns, less crime" formula would have worked on the infamous Long Island Railroad. Likely none of us would ever have heard of Colin Ferguson — or of the widow congresswoman now trying to make a career of victim disarmament, a bonnet-bee that will create -more- incidents like the one that killed her husband, not fewer.

I've outlined *proper* airport security procedures in *The Probability Broach*, available at fine bookstores everywhere. Mostly they consist of making sure that passengers carry the right sort of ammunition, the kind designed to rend flesh without damaging the aircraft.

Of course airlines should offer discounts to their passengers who condescend to fly armed.

One reason I oppose the currently popular idea of concealed carry permits is that the jurisdiction in question always exacts a fee for granting unnecessary permission to exercise a right already guaranteed by the Constitution, when in fact they should pay the citizen — or at least rebate his taxes — for helping to drive the violent crime rate down in a way their hired minions never could.

In the meantime, those individuals whose rights have been violated over the past 30 years, those who've been detained

by public officials or "private" police, robbed by them, beaten up by them, and raped (what else would you call involuntary cavity searches?) must be indemnified, not only because justice cries out for it, but to drive the lesson home.

Keep in mind the first ten amendments to the Constitution, commonly known as the Bill of Rights, are the highest law of the land and must be enforced stringently. Moreover, if corporations are going to plead "private" when it's convenient and "public" when it's not, they must be made subject to the limits imposed on government by the Bill of Rights.

The thugs and their metal detectors must go. And flying will be fun again.

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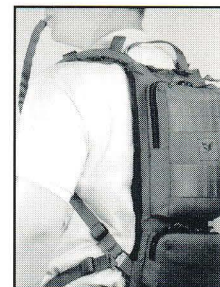
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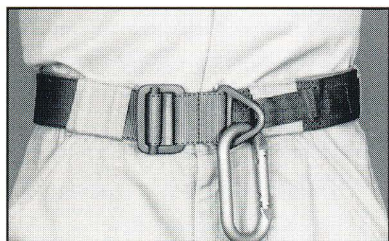
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AFTER THE FALL OF JUSTICE

By Claire Wolfe

When Justice Leaves the Courtroom, Hope Turns Elsewhere

In Alaska, a demonstrator is charged with felony jury tampering for shouting, "Call 1-800-TEL-JURY!" within the hearing of jurors. Those who dial the number hear a recording that simply informs them they have a right to vote their conscience.

In Washington state, a judge and three U.S. attorneys covertly excise key pages from a booklet before allowing it to be entered as defense evidence in the trial of several militia members. They are not charged with evidence tampering.

Another day in the American court system. Justice, or its simulacrum, is dispensed as judges and prosecutors see fit. There's nothing new in that.

What's new, or what's dangerously on the increase, is the systematic rigging of the court system to preserve judicial power and punish anyone who dares challenge it. And what's more important — but clearly unforeseen by the riggers — is the catastrophe likely to arise from this power grab.

Myths and Hopes

We cherish a myth that the justice system is the last, best

hope for the beleaguered "little guy" in the world of the powerful. No matter what happens, we've been told, even the humblest of us can "have our day in court," be heard and be vindicated, as long as truth and fairness are on our side.

This was never literally true, of course. Any poor, black man can tell you the reality of justice. The surviving, imprisoned Branch Davidians can tell you, as can the girlfriend of a drug dealer, locked away for years for sitting in a car during a transaction. Dozens of militiamen, set up by government informants, can tell you. As can dope smokers, tax resisters and businesspeople who made the mistake of violating arcane regulations.

Nevertheless, justice is sometimes served, and the myth prevails. There are good reasons why it must prevail.

In a civil society, the myth of justice serves two related — if contradictory — purposes. On one hand, ordinary people need the myth to give them hope against the powerful. On the other, *the powerful require ordinary people to believe in the myth because it keeps the rabble complacent.*

A belief in justice — even an erroneous belief — can be the line

that separates gentility from riots in the streets.

Even in these days of cynicism, there has still existed a flame of optimism about the power of ordinary people in the courtroom. The belief is so strong that some advocates of limited government have built their main hope upon it. The constitutionalists — loosely, the legal researchers, sovereign citizens and pro se litigants who seek to limit the influence of government — have spent endless hours and endless dollars building cases for, and on, the law.

These hopeful Good Citizens have cherished the belief that they could go into court, present their arguments and (if those arguments proved intellectually, historically and constitutionally correct) prevail against institutionalized injustice. Not only prevail, personally, but return America to a land of limited government and individual rights.

With that hope, and armed with reams of legal documents, many have besieged courts and other government agencies.

Some of their arguments have been bogus. Some undeniably correct. A few have won the day. Most have been futile.

A Change in the Tide

Recently, a tiny time bomb landed

in my e-mail box. In one sense, there was nothing new about it; some of us radical anti-government curmudgeons have been shouting a similar message for years. But given the source, it was revolutionary.[Note 1]

Headed "Citizen Soldiers," the message said, in part:

I have just returned from a meeting with a true constitutionalist attorney here in town, one with past and quite recent important victories in the area of tax issues....Basically, he intimated ***we as Americans must finally realize there is no such thing as an unassailable constitutional protection in this republic anymore.***

Face it, we're on our own; there is not and CAN NEVER BE any 'silver bullet.' So what's new, you ask? Check the endless well reasoned posts on this list, as well as the other lists many of you monitor. We know the law better than the DOJ, we have higher judicial scruples than the judges, and we're losing ground every day. In essence, we are fielding the GE College Bowl winners against the Gestapo.

I have spent endless hours over the last five years studying and applying the law, contacting the IRS, my congressman...and the only difference it has made is that I understand PERFECTLY the gargantuan fraud this government (sic) is perpetrating on its citizens.

The question arises: do I continue the futile?

Within days, confirmations poured fourth. One came from attorney Steffan Bertsch of Lake Stevens, Washington, author of the book *Crisis in Our Courts*:

I am sorry to admit that your writer is correct in that there is little or no law running the "justice" system; American justice has given way to ignorance, cowardice and corruption.

...Henry David Thoreau told us that if a law was immoral, that we as moral people must realize that we will not live long enough to change the immoral law by any democratic process and that we must realize that "if it [a law] is of such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then, I say, break the law." On Civil Disobedience.

This advice is especially true today when Congress and state legislatures pass so many laws that lawyers cannot read the annual output and are forced to resort to reading summaries of statutes and regulations, hence are left vastly ignorant of the laws. American laws are so numerous that "ignorance of the law" should be made a defense if a reasonable person would not know of the law.[Note 2]

The essential point is, again, not

the words, but the source. The last dogged proponents of "the system" are beginning to abandon hope.

The justice system was the last legal avenue for these "little guys" and their principled attorneys.[Note 3] What has changed? Why are they abandoning it now when it never has been a perfect system? And, perhaps more important, what happens after they bail out?

Why Now?

The various justice-system reformers have seen some victories, some defeats. The record is inconclusive. But the very existence of these challengers threatens the security of the powers-that-be. Recently, those powers have been taking harsh steps to fight back:

In a now-notorious case, political activist Laura Kriho of Colorado became the first American juror in more than 300 years put on trial after refusing to convict a defendant. She was, among other things, charged with perjury for failing to volunteer information about her past that she was never actually asked to give. {see Political Prisoners article on Jury Nullification, Page 52}

In the Team Viper cases in Arizona (and many others) the judge refused to allow defendants to question the constitutionality of the laws they were charged with

violating, even though the Supreme Court declared in one of its most famous cases: "All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void" and have no force from the moment they are passed [Marbury v. Madison, 5 U.S. (2 Cranch) 137 (1803)]. The judges shrug, "Take it up on appeal," knowing all the while that, by then, an innocent person may have spent years in prison and be bankrupt.

Fearful of the power of minority opinions on juries, the state of Oregon changed its laws to enable conviction on an 11-1 vote. The U.S. Supreme Court decreed that states may authorize conviction on a 10-2 vote.

In Albany, New York, a juror refused to convict a defendant in a drug case, saying the law under which the defendant was charged was wrong. Instead of declaring a mistrial, as has been done in the past, the judge simply fired the juror and granted the rest of the jury the spurious power to convict 11-0. In Washington, Republican state representative Karen Schmidt circulated a memo warning fellow members of government they might be "victims" of a type of "organized crime" committed by "extremists." Schmidt's newly defined crime, Paper Terrorism, is characterized primarily as an attempt to use the justice system to challenge the status quo: "Frivolous lawsuits against government entities"; challenging judges in court cases; "disrupting the court system by persuading

fellow jail inmates to defend themselves..."; "distributing the extremist Citizens Handbook (sic) to foster jury nullification" and "requesting information from courts, government agencies, elected officials and businesses..." California, Indiana and other states soon followed suit. Legislatures and enforcement agencies are now actively prosecuting courtroom "terrorists."

The Attack on the Jury

An increasing number of judicial power plays involve attempts to curb jury nullification. ***Nullification is the historic, common-law practice by which jurors pass judgment on the law, as well as the facts of the case before them.*** [Note 4] Today, trial judges habitually inform jurors that they may deliberate on the facts only — that they may never ask, "Is the law just?" or, "Is the law justly applied to this defendant?"

Until the Kriho case, jury-rights activists (notably the Fully Informed Jury Association, FIJA [Note 5]) considered their position to be win-win; even if activists were arrested for telling jurors about nullification, or if jurors were charged for practicing it, the juries who tried their cases would — voila! — hear jury-rights arguments or see jury-rights literature presented in evidence. Naturally. How else could jurors gauge activists' actions?

But under a recent Colorado law,

defendants facing six months or less don't receive jury trials. [Note 6] ***Therefore, a judge and prosecutor got together and carefully structured charges against Kriho to ensure she would not have the benefit of a jury.*** Facing only a judge, whose power was directly threatened by her stand, Kriho naturally lost (although the judge's decision vindicated part of her position).

But this was only one early, and highly visible, example of the attack on those who challenge the authority of judges and the will of prosecutors. The two cases cited at the top of this article are others. In the Washington State Militia case, what did the judge and prosecutors excise from the evidence? The jury-rights section of The Citizen's Rulebook.

The attack on the jury extends across national borders, as well. In Canada, a juror in that country's longest and most expensive murder trial (Regina v. Bhudpinder Johal et al., Court File No. CC940998) now faces up to 10 years in prison for obstruction of justice. There is evidence the juror, Gillian Guess, behaved foolishly — visiting several defendants and, after the verdict, forming a sexual relationship with one of them. However, she never received an order not to visit them, and there is no evidence she influenced the outcome of the trial.

Why charge Guess? For one thing, the jury humiliated the prosecution

— finding every defendant not guilty in this highly publicized trial. But Guess was the only one who went on television afterward and declared that the government should never have brought “such flimsy charges” against the defendants.

In previous cases of juror misconduct, judges have declared mistrials, or appeals courts have overturned guilty verdicts. ***But for the last 300 years, the independence of the jury has never been threatened, even by the angriest prosecutor or most dictatorial judge.***

Prosecuting jurors is a new trend whose danger as an intimidation tactic can't be overstated.

There is, however, not only a trend to cow jurors into obedience, but to fill juries with those who are predisposed to obey orders.

The process of voir dire was originally intended to screen out friends of either side or people with unshakable prejudices. However, it has become, as syndicated columnist Vin Suprynowicz and attorney Bertsch have both pointed out, a jury-stacking scheme. Jurors are grilled on their sex lives and the number of guns in their homes. (The very process screens out anyone with enough spine to refuse to answer outrageous questions.) In high-profile trials they are subject to private investigation and “management” by jury consultants, looking not for impartiality, but for desired forms

of bias. If prospective jurors express knowledge of jury rights or hint that conscience might take precedence over authority, they're out. The truly independent-minded juror is automatically abolished from the panel.

Thus, the news is filled with tales from jurors, who cry that they had “no choice but to convict,” over the objections of their own conscience and common sense. In a notorious 1997 case, jurors emerged from deliberations weeping and demanding a governor's pardon for an 18-year-old boy they had just convicted of child molesting. His “crime” carried a horrifying mandatory sentence. Yet he had done nothing worse than get his 15-year-old girlfriend pregnant. Jurors recognized they had before them a normal teenager who, in fact, wanted to “do the right thing” and marry the girl. ***But the judge decreed his jurors could only judge the facts, not the fairness of the law. The jurors were, as the old Nazi claim goes, “only following orders.”***

Swimming with Piranhas

We have reached a point at which “the law is whatever I say it is” — as long as the “I” in question is a judge or a prosecutor. Because the appeals system is populated by members of the same “club,” the most outrageous injustices are often upheld.

Those who dissent are like

minnows among piranhas. Their earnest belief in the truth is no defense against a frenzy of carnivores.

Yet, the piranhas fear the minnows — or are at least determined to show the next little school of challengers not to mess with guys who have sharp teeth. Clearly many of the above judicial maneuverings are in response to the perceived threat posed by self-taught legal scholars and jury-rights activists.

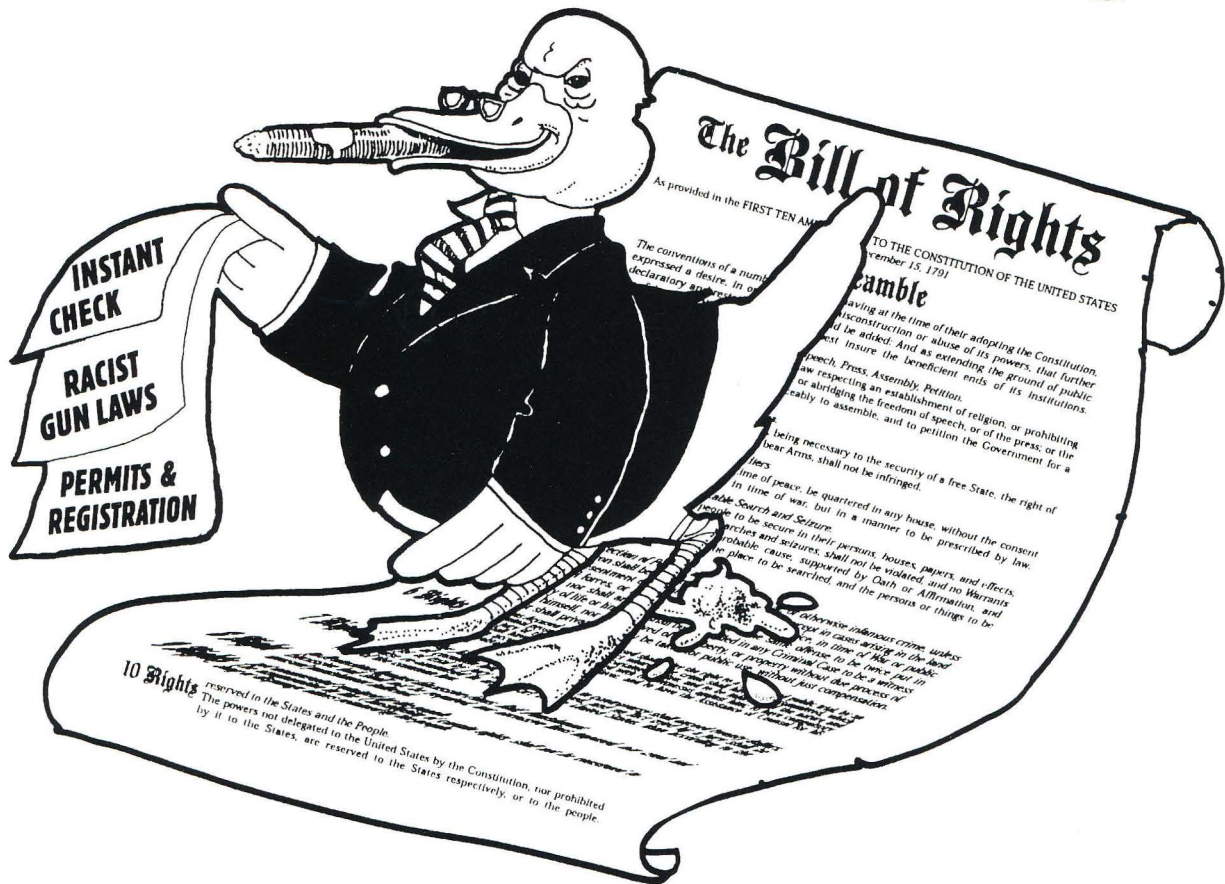
The problem is this: No matter why authorities maneuver to curb the power of juries and political dissidents, the effect of their power play can strike anyone.

A judge may issue orders in defiance of FIJA, but it isn't FIJA who suffers when the jury convicts against its own conscience. It's the poor pot smoker, militia member or gun owner convicted of violating an unconscionable law.

A judge may refuse to admit constitutional arguments to her courtroom out of frustration with “paper terrorists.” And indeed the “terrorists” suffer and become more outraged. But the status of justice suffers worse.

Even victories present dangers. When a FIJA activist or drug user goes free because of a hung jury, those momentary triumphs inspire courtroom crackdowns, revenge

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against jurors, and laws to further curtail jury power.

Ultimately, the myth dies. Whether you're a constitutional scholar or a semi-literate kid, you know you won't get justice in the justice system. Remember, the justice system isn't the little guy's first hope. It's the last. What do you do when that hope is snuffed?

The weary, but principled writer of "Citizen Soldiers" says:

In my humble opinion, we should ALL be deciding on the level of civil disobedience we are willing to engage in. If this is the law, we should all become LAW BREAKERS, encourage others to become LAWBREAKERS, be steadfast on juries to free LAWBREAKERS, stand tall in the rightness of being LAWBREAKERS.

But this cry of defiance sounds sweetly innocent when compared with what a less principled "little guy" is likely to do if he knows he can't get justice in the courts. As Vin Suprynowicz wrote, commenting upon the New York 11-0 verdict, which was partially supported by the Court of Appeals:

"The segment of the American populace who should be most concerned about the arrogant, elitist trend reflected by this New York appeals court ruling should be police officers."

So far, when advising an armed suspect to "Give it up, and I'll see you get a jury trial," the average cop has had a fair chance of success.

But once the average suspect realizes that government-salaried judges now can and will remove any juror who votes to acquit — or who admits under questioning that he might favor a defendant's view of the law over the government's — that suspect is far more likely to figure "I'm dead anyway, and I might as well take one lying government bureaucrat with me."

The same is true of any form of court-rigging. ***Those who crave authority should understand that when they do anything to reduce the power of ordinary citizens in court — whether the jurors or defendants — they do so at their own peril.*** The justice system serves as a safety valve on the overheated engine of society. Plug the valve and something explodes.

Ultimately, prosecutors and judges who behave like tyrants in the courtroom will find that it isn't the little guy — the demonized "paper terrorist," the jury-rights advocate, the pot smoker, the militia member, the drug entrepreneur or the errant juror — who suffers the most dire consequences when the justice myth dies.

No. When the powerful close

the doors to justice — and when common people understand that the doors are closed, we have one more place to turn: the streets.

1. The message was posted anonymously to the ICE Internet list. The author copied it to me, under his own name.

2. Both Bertsch's essay and "Citizen Soldiers" can be read in full at Wolfe's Lodge.

3. Yes, believe it or not "principled attorney" isn't always an oxymoron.

4. The 1895 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Sparf v. U.S.* (also known as *Sparf and Hansen v. U.S.*) firmly denounced this ancient right, citing more than 100 years of court precedents and legal opinion. Contrary to the mythology of the jury-rights movement, *Sparf* did not, in any way, uphold the concept that juries have a right to judge the law as well as the facts. However, a resounding dissent by Justice Gray traced jury nullification much farther back into history and showed that such a right did — and does — indeed exist. Even the elitist majority, which held that the judge is the sole arbiter of the law, conceded that, since jurors can vote any way they please, they effectively can nullify the law, whether or not anyone else approves. And this is exactly what juries have always done: Slavery and prohibition were, in part, ended by juries' refusal to convict runaway slaves, underground railroad operators and buyers and producers of alcohol. Three juries have refused to convict Dr. Jack Kevorkian, in part because they disagreed with the laws he was accused of breaking. In some areas, prosecutors are finding it increasingly difficult to convict drug users and dealers because juries simply won't deliver the desired verdicts. The *Sparf* decision can be found on the Internet. Go to . FindLaw:Supreme Court Decisions...In the site's search engine, select the option "Supreme Court Cases 1893+." Then type "*Sparf*."

5. FIJA...P.O. Box 59, Helmsville, Montana 59843, (406) 793-5550. Prospective jurors call 1-800-TEL-JURY. Also see ...The Jury Rights Project

6. The Colorado statute and similar statutes in other states are unconstitutional. The Bill of Rights, Article VI, says, "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed..."

THE BERGEN RUCKSACK

The need for a rugged, reliable and comfortable backpack is almost self evident. Any situation that arises in which you need to carry gear from one point to another on foot necessitates that you have some sort of container.

A container will enable you to carry more gear than you could with your hands and a container that attaches to your body will give you the additional benefit of leaving your hands free. Affixing loads to one's back during travel goes back to the earliest evidence of man's use of technology.

Whether it be animal skins stretched across primitive frames of branches or woven straw baskets held in place with twine, people have been carrying loads on their back for thousands of years. People who must sustain their existence for prolonged periods without the benefit of re supply obviously have a keen interest the best ways to do this.

The infantryman is a prime example of someone who lives out of his pack for weeks or even months at a time. Unfortunately for the grunts who have cursed blisters and aching backs for the last few thousand years, the technology of backpacks remained somewhat stagnant for most of that time. Perhaps this is due to the fact that ***the foot soldier has traditionally been viewed as the most expendable human resource on the battlefield.***

Combine that with the usual ineptness of military planning and insensitivity to the soldier's plight it is not difficult to see how the backpack took a back seat to the development of other equipment and weapons over the years. The first real breakthrough in pack technology not too

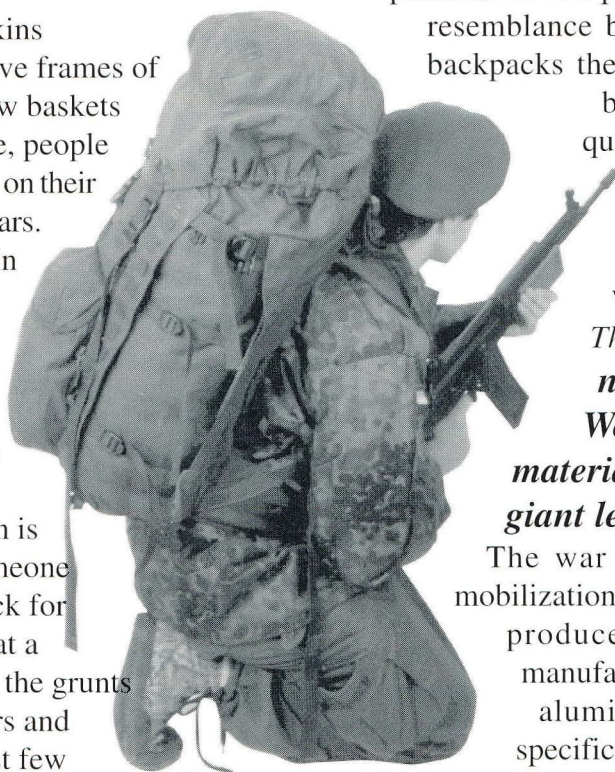
surprisingly came from the private sector.

Around the turn of the century the upper gentry of European society became interested in mountain climbing. The Alps crossing the borders of Switzerland, France and Italy became the hub of climbing adventure and misadventure and with it came the advancement of clothing and gear suited for the mountain sports.

If you look at pictures taken of the climbing pioneers of this period you will notice an uncanny resemblance between the leather and canvass backpacks they carried and the same military backpacks used by the Swiss until quite recently. (These rugged, yet technologically challenged backpacks are currently being imported in large numbers and will be reviewed in a later issue of *The Partisan*) Editor's note. ***It was not until after the Second World War that the design and materials used in backpacks took a giant leap forward.***

The war effort with its unprecedented mobilization of American science and industry produced many new materials and manufacturing processes. The advent of aluminum alloys and nylon fabrics specifically were to have a profound affect on all sorts of outdoor gear – especially backpacks. With the world saved for democracy, the depression a bitter memory, full employment, and the mobility of the automobile Americans began taking to the back country.

The pioneers of the post-war gear boom were companies like Holubar, Gerrys and Kelty. Dick Kelty produced the first modern aluminum framed pack in the 1950s and in many ways continues to set the standard in external frame pack design. A rigid external frame of tubular aluminum strapped to one's back with two padded shoulder straps and a waist



belt is essentially what everyone else copied and refined for the next twenty years.

These packs were lighter, stronger, more durable and capable of carrying larger and heavier loads with greater comfort than anything that had come before them. Camp Trails (now a subsidiary of Johnson Camping) Alpine Designs, Sierra Designs, The North Face and a few others got into the act and the high tech outdoor backpacking industry was off and running.

As more people began to take their loads off the trail and explore increasingly difficult terrain it became evident that the displaced center of gravity and rigidity of these packs greatly limited their performance in situations where acute balance and comfort were critical.

In the early seventies the Lowe brothers out of Ogden, Utah, came up with a revolutionary pack design that utilized a pair of flat, internal, parallel, flexible aluminum stays that could be custom bent to conform with the curvature of the wearer's spine. This innovation reduced the overall weight of the pack and at the same time lowered the center of gravity of the load greatly increasing balance and stability of the wearer on rough terrain.

The body of these packs were slimmer and did not rise far above the head like the external frame packs. Thusly if a man could fit through a space in the woods, so did his pack. This made trekking through heavily wooded terrain much easier, quieter and faster. The ability to custom fit the aluminum frame made the pack fit much better. The flexibility of the frame allowed the load to actually shift slightly with the wearer's body movements and the result was much more comfort and consequently much less fatigue.

The internal frame packs exploded in popularity and soon all of the major pack manufacturers were offering full lines of internal frame packs. Today some of the very best packs on the market are made by Lowe Alpine Systems, Gregory, Dana Designs, Mountainsmith, Osprey and a few other small, highly specialized companies.

These packs are superbly engineered and constructed for their intended purposes of cross country skiing, mountaineering, technical mountaineering, technical rock climbing,

snowboarding and backpacking. The prices of these packs indeed reflect their high tech materials and labor intensive construction methods. In keeping with the culture of these sports and to facilitate the rescue of lost and injured hikers the colors of these packs tend to be bright or even florescent.

There was one notable exception to this trend which surfaced in the early eighties. Lowe Alpine Systems created a military division called Vector. *Under the Vector label Lowe Alpine marketed a series of superbly engineered packs designed specifically for survivalists, search and rescue personnel, soldiers, hunters and any stealthy adventure you could think of.* Unfortunately Lowe Alpine was either unable or unwilling to commit themselves to the kind of marketing necessary to make the Vector line successful and they soon pulled the plug on the whole operation.

The only saving grace of the Vector series is that its incarnation lives in the CPF 90 later adopted by the U.S. military. We'll get to that shortly.

Stealth, weapons compatibility and affordability, the three specific requirements that hunters, survivalists and soldiers require make the mainstream high-end packs less than ideal choices. The retail prices for these packs start at about \$200. and easily and frequently go up to and over \$400. For the survivalist and freedom fighter that is a considerable sum especially when you take into account what one must budget for food, weapons, communications equipment, body armor, clothing , transportation, optics, medicine, etc., etc., etc.

That brings us to the poor man's favorite option military surplus gear. Like I previously noted most militaries have not fielded impressive backpacks for their troops. Even the U.S. military — arguably the best equipped army in the world — has been sadly lacking in this department. Throughout the Vietnam debacle right up to the present the ALICE pack has been the mainstay of the American military.

Without going into details about the ALICE pack which will be the subject of a future Partisan story, let us say for expedience sake that *the ALICE pack is a poor excuse for a modern day,*

functional backpack. To the credit of the U.S. military, it did eventually adopt the CFP 90 which is a modern, state-of-the-art pack derived from the Lowe Alpine design of the mid eighties. The CFP 90 not without its limitations is still light years ahead of the ALICE pack but is only issued to Special Forces and other elite units. The CPF-90 will also be the subject of a future Partisan review.

Like the U.S. military other members of NATO were equally slow in adopting state-of-the-art equipment. Great Britain however is an exception having adopted the Bergen backpack as far back as the early eighties – albeit on a limited basis for its troops.

The Bergen backpack or rucksack as the Brits prefer to call it is manufactured by Berghaus in England. Berghaus is a well established British company that makes an array of state-of-the-art backpacking and mountaineering clothing and equipment.

Like their American counterparts, the Berghaus packs have come a long way since the early eighties. ***The one currently in use by the British military is not only extremely well suited for its task, but is now available in very good condition on the surplus market in the U.S. for the phenomenally low price of around \$100.00.***

The British Bergen Rucksack is a top loading pack with one main compartment. This main compartment has a capacity of about 3,000 cubic inches which is far less than some of the expedition size packs but more than enough for a few days or even a couple of weeks if you know what you are doing—in the back country. There is one large pocket sewn on to the top flap with a capacity of about 250 cubic inches that covers the pack's sealed aperture. This top flap is adorned with lengths of nylon webbing to serve as lash points as well as elastic collars on the sides to give a tighter seal when lashed down to the pack's body. There is an additional map pocket with zipper access sewn into the entire underside of the flap. Finally there is one more smaller pocket sewn on to the center of the lower back with a capacity of about 150 cubic inches.

There is a generous 12 inch scree collar sewn

into the top of the pack which gives additional protection to the pack's contents as well as allows the pack's capacity to be extended by about another 1,000 cubic inches! This scree collar is made of an 8 ounce coated nylon pack cloth and with the exception of the underside of the pack's shoulder straps is the only place on the pack that this fabric is used. Both the top aperture of the pack as well as the scree collar are sealed by pulling nylon parachute cord through metal grommets and securing it with a cord lock.

There is a parallel set of "daisy chains" that run 15 inches vertically along the outer edges of the pack's back. These daisy chains as climbers like to call them are a length of one inch nylon webbing that is bar tacked in one inch intervals on to the back of the pack. This enables a multitude of additional gear or camouflage to be affixed to the body of the pack with carabiners, paracord or whatever is handy.

The vertical pocket in the bottom center of the pack is presumably for water, gasoline or possibly a first aid kit. The pocket is flanked by two haul loops sewn into the pocket's seems. On the lower left bottom of the back is an ice ax loop.

The pack has a most unusual feature that being a beefy, plastic toothed zipper running vertically almost the entire height of the pack along the inner edges of its sides. When this zipper is fastened, it pulls the sides together essentially swallowing the ten inches of the pack's width. This serves to dramatically and cleanly reduce the pack's capacity.

In the event that your pack is packed below capacity the one thing you do not want is your load to shift around as you move. This can be disastrous in terms of balance, comfort and noise discipline. In addition to the zippers which are protected by a generous 2 inch flap there are three horizontal straps of nylon webbing that can be adjusted with delrin plastic sliders. These straps allow the capacity of the pack to be adjusted less drastically than with the zippers. In addition the straps enable the wearer to attach long items to the pack such as skis, poles, avalanche wands, rifles, fishing gear, mortar tubes, tent poles or whatever else your specific adventure may require.

There are four ¾-inch male fastex buckles sewn into the corners of the pack's sides. Presumably

there are accessory pockets that clip on to the sides of the pack that perhaps will become available at a later date.

The pack itself is made from a sixteen ounce polyurethane coated cordura nylon fabric throughout. Cordura nylon is known for its extreme strength and abrasion resistance. The polyurethane coating makes the nylon quite water proof. The major seams are only single stitched however and are not taped. Taping seams is a time-consuming process but well worth doing for two reasons. Firstly it increases the strength of the pack's seams and it prevents the edges of the fabric from fraying which is the number one cause of seam failure.

Granted this is something that only occurs over time, and possibly is of little concern to a military that simply replaces gear on a regular basis. To the civilian who must pay his own way and may find himself in a situation where replacement is not an option longevity is very much a concern. Fortunately taping the seams of the pack is not a

difficult or expensive job for anyone with an industrial sewing machine, a tailor, shoe maker or outfitter.

The bottom of the pack is comprised of two layers of the same cordura fabric with an additional haul loop sewn in. The second layer of fabric while adding a little bit of weight gives a nice measure of insurance against abrasion, tears and punctures.

The frame of the pack is not the traditional set of vertical, parallel aluminum stays but rather three stays that form an open ended trapezoid. The large open ended side of the trapezoid is on the bottom. The two large vertical stays begin at the bottom of the pack about 10 inches apart and get closer together as they approach the top of the pack coming to within 3½-inches of each other before joining the third horizontal stay at about the base of the wearer's neck.

The entire bottom 9 inches of the front of the pack are padded with ½-inch of closed cell foam. This gives the lower lumbar region of the pack critical

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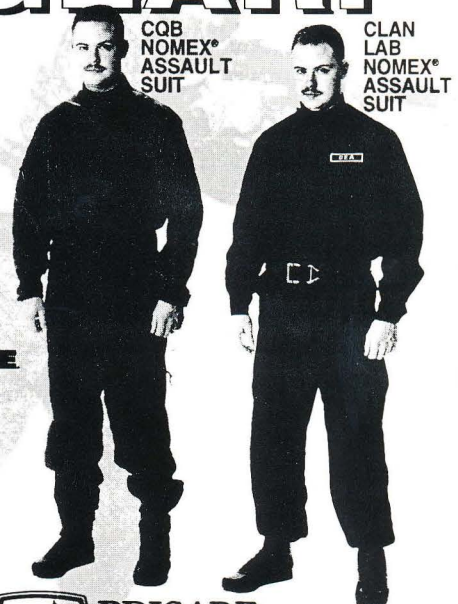
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support and cushion. The 7 1/2-inch wings of the waist belt are also padded with 1/2-inch closed cell foam. The belt itself is 1 1/2-inches wide and closes with an adjustable fastex buckle.

The shoulder straps are 3 1/2-inches wide and again are padded with 1/2-inch closed cell foam. The shoulder straps do have the lift off pull straps which are sewn into where the top of the pack is joined to the frame. By pulling down on these straps you cause the frame to flex slightly and alleviate stress on your hips as you hike.

The pack did not come with a sternum strap which runs horizontal across the breast bone and connects the shoulder straps keeping them over the pectoral muscles where they belong. This is really a critical feature. Fortunately it is very easy and inexpensive to make your own sternum straps and affix them to the shoulder straps without any sewing, cursing or heliarc welding.

There is an oversize haul loop sewn into the base of the shoulder straps as well as an additional set of haul loops sewn into the pack where the waist belt wings meet the body of the pack. These are great features as they give the wearer many ways to hang the pack, secure the pack to something else, or haul the pack behind them in a vertical ascent.

The overall quality of the pack is quite good, with very straight sewing, reinforced in all of the critical areas. The Bergen Rucksack is extremely rugged and reliable as climbers like to say, "bombproof."

The suspension of the pack though a far cry from what today would be considered state-of-the-art is nevertheless quite acceptable and with a reasonable load quite comfortable. The shoulder straps and waist belt although not the beefiest nor the most comfortable I've encountered are still very much adequate and serviceable.

The attention to detail on the pack is first rate. When you consider all of the unique military features and how labor intensive it was to cut and sew all of them into the pack the finished product grows ever more impressive. The Bergen Rucksack is not without its shortcomings, but overall is an extremely well made, rugged and reliable backpack. *When you consider what you're getting for your hundred dollars especially if your outdoor adventures demand stealth and reliability the Bergen Rucksack would be damn hard to beat.*




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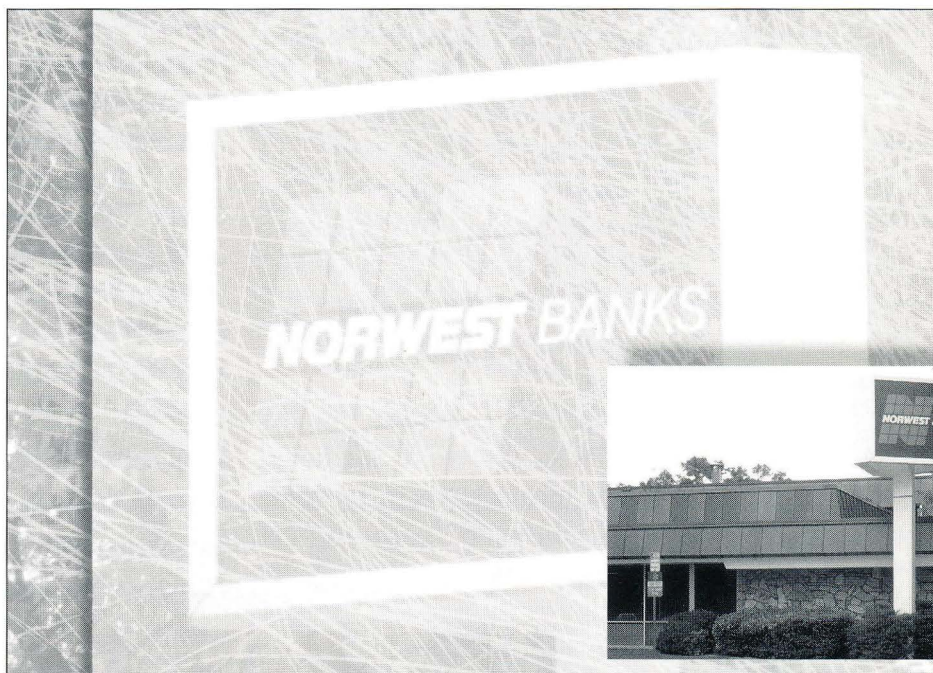
Longmont, Colo. — Rambo beat the commies, David killed Goliath and the Broncos won the Super Bowl in '98. Underdogs can win.

Meet Bob Glass, a gunstore owner who taught a giant national conglomerate — Norwest Banks — to not mess with firearms owners. His tireless crusade against discrimination sends a clear and powerful message to big business everywhere: Gun owners won't be pushed around, even in today's increasingly hostile anti-gun political climate.

In short, Glass was denied a bank account at Norwest because his inventory includes legal firearms considered by uninformed critics to be "assault rifles."

Astounded, Glass stood up for himself by demanding a written explanation of the bank's decision to refuse him as a customer. By the time Glass was through with them, bank personnel were reaping the backfire of their vicious intolerance. Through interviews with the local and national press, Glass had media throughout metropolitan Denver critical of Norwest and sympathetic to the plight of Paladin Arms.

Supporters of Glass planned a rally at the bank. Radio talk show hosts took up his cause. Renowned defense attorney Lee Hill came to his defense, adding Glass to a list of clients that includes Native American activists Russell Means and



Norwest Banks eventually apologized to Glass, and invited him to open an account. No further details about the agreement are available, as all parties agreed to keep them secret.

Leonard Peltier.

Hill, Glass's attorney, said the bank's actions were a "throwback to the McCarthy era." He added: "We're not talking about a dangerous gun-wielding extremist. They insulted Bob Glass and they insulted all of his customers by the way they treated him and anyone who would choose to own a defensive firearm."

Glass contacted gun manufacturers throughout the United States, telling them his story. One major gun manufacturer, with accounts at Norwest, considered pulling its accounts if the bank's shenanigans didn't stop.

After days of media scrutiny, the Longmont branch personnel were gasping for air. They called in John Nelson, president of all Norwest Banks in Colorado.

Within days of Nelson's involvement,

the bank was publicly apologizing and welcoming Glass with open arms to open a new account. He declined, having found another bank in town that welcomed his business from day one.

Take A Hike, Gun Dealer

The ordeal began on 10 April 1998, when Glass walked up the street from his business, Paladin Arms, to open a new bank account at Norwest Bank's Longmont branch. He brought his two friendly dogs, a Siberian Husky and a Samoyed, and was treated hospitably by a female bank representative. She gave him the welcoming pitch and all the colorful brochures.

She asked what business Glass owned, and he answered "Paladin Arms."

"Oh, yes, I've seen you around town walking your dogs," Glass recalled of her

response.

Glass took the brochures and returned to his store, where he planned to review them and decide what type of account to open. An hour later, he received a call from bank Vice President John Yarberry. But it wasn't one of those heartfelt "thanks for considering us" follow-ups.

Rather, it was the voice of a cold, unfriendly banker blatantly discriminating against him. Gun control, it seems, is always rooted in vicious intolerance and the need for one individual to control or oppress another.

"In an amazingly rude and condescending voice, he said, 'We're not interested in doing business with you; we know what kind of business you run,'" Glass told the *Boulder Planet* newspaper.

Dismayed, Glass walked back to the bank in hopes of discussing the matter. The friendly account representative he'd spoken with earlier said, "It has to do with the fact you sell guns."

Glass politely asked Yarberry and the account representative for permission to meet with Charlie Mack, president of the branch. They said Mack was in conference and would be unable to discuss the issue in person. Before leaving, Glass left his number and asked to have Mack call him later.

Later that day, bank attorney Gary Rosentrater called Glass and said Mack would not be contacting him. He asked Rosentrater for a written explanation as to why he his business was refused at the bank. Rosentrater refused. Without an explanation, Glass told Rosentrater, he had no choice but to suspect discrimination based on the fact he's Jewish. Later that day, Glass told reporters it was:

(A). He's Jewish, or

(B). He sells weapons, including controversial semiautomatics.

There it was, black and white and out in public. Barring further explanation, the bank was either:

(A). Anti-Semitic, or

(B). Anti-semiautomatic.

Glass said at the time he suspected option "B." The bank would soon learn neither explanation would please the public or the press, including those who don't like guns.

The Jewish thing seemed to get Norwest's attention most. Although Rosen-trater refused to give Glass a written explanation, during their phone conversation he verbally told Glass it had nothing to do with race, religion or ethnicity. Verbally, he conceded to Glass, the bank refused him because he sells assault rifles.

Glass does not sell any fully automatic weapons. His store carries hunting rifles, semiautomatics and military-style weapons.

Callers flooded the airwaves as the story unfolded on talk radio. Most said it's OK to dislike guns, but it's in no way *kosher* for a bank to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed or the nature of business someone is in. One outspoken radio host, Peter Boyles of Denver's KHOW, routinely rails against guns, the NRA and the Second Amendment. He described himself as a satisfied Norwest customer. Despite all that, he supported Glass, and criticized Norwest for turning him away because of the rifles he sells.

Not long after Glass spent more than an hour talking live on the Boyles show, he received a phone call from someone he described as a "sweet-talking" bank president. He told one newspaper the call, from bank president Mack, was like a "*Kafkaesque* turn of events."

"Bob, we had a terrible misunderstanding at the bank," Glass told a local newspaper, recalling his conversation with Mack. "It had nothing to do with you selling rifles."

Glass said Mack told him the refusal had to do with his appearance. Seems some bank employees, Mack told him, were frightened by his demeanor and his dogs.

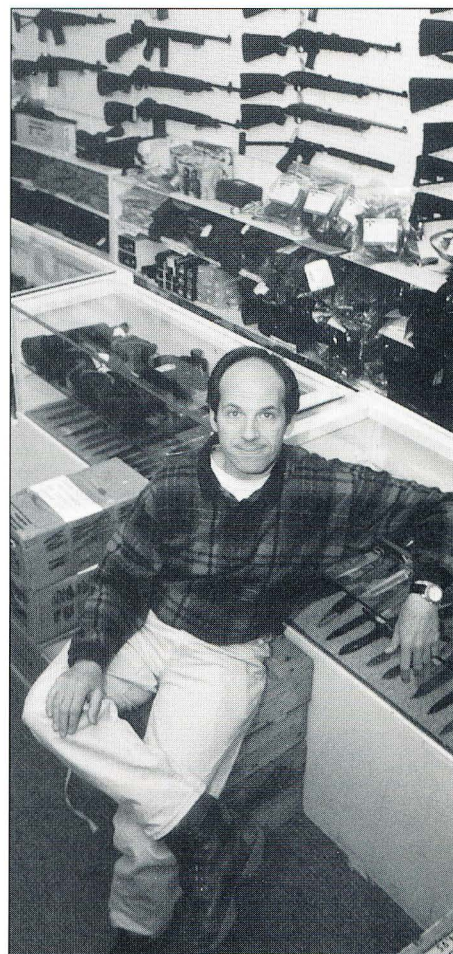
Glass, who stands 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds, told the *Boulder Planet*, "I'm a middle-aged, balding guy with a nice gut on me, and I have two breeds of dogs specifically known for their gentleness."

Still, Glass remained open-minded. Perhaps he looked funny that day, for some reason he didn't understand. He asked to view a tape of the bank's video from that day, so he could discover what

about his demeanor may have been intimidating. The bank refused him the tape, and continued to deny a written explanation for refusing his business.

Mack, and others at the bank, refused to answer questions by the media as to why Glass was turned away. By telling reporters it had nothing to do with the nature of his business, bank officials effectively implied it had something to do with the credibility or character of Bob Glass — known in his community as a financially stable, upstanding businessman who pays his bills on time.

"I do hundreds of thousands of dollars a year with Colorado National Bank," Glass told the Longmont *Daily Times-Call*. "I've never had any shady business practices, my credit is solid and I have



Bob Glass, owner of Paladin Arms gun store, was told he couldn't open an account at Norwest Bank, in Longmont, Colo. His store features legal military-style weapons that someone at the bank considered objectionable.

nothing to hide."

Two weeks after Glass was turned away by Norwest, Colorado State Banking Com-missioner Richard Fulkerson said the bank could be on "shaky legal ground" for turning him away, based on the nature of his business.

Getting nowhere toward obtaining a written explanation, Glass and Hill planned a peaceful demonstration at the bank on Friday, 8 May. Four days before the planned demonstration, Glass was scheduled to appear on the Marty Nalitz radio talk show, to discuss his dilemma.

That morning, Norwest again showed its paranoia and distrust in an episode related to the Glass controversy. Dr. Norm Resnick, a talk show host on KHNC radio, in Johnstown, Colo., walked into a Norwest branch, in Greeley, Colo., and asked to speak to the manager. The manager was unavailable. Resnick told a bank employee they should listen to the Nalitz show because "all hell was going to break loose on the radio."

He left the building and returned later to find police, a bomb squad and a bank evacuation. Later that day, he told his radio audience he'd have been face down wearing handcuffs had he not personally known several Greeley police officers at the scene. Resnick, a psychologist, once worked for the police department and was allowed to leave the Norwest premises after clearing things up.

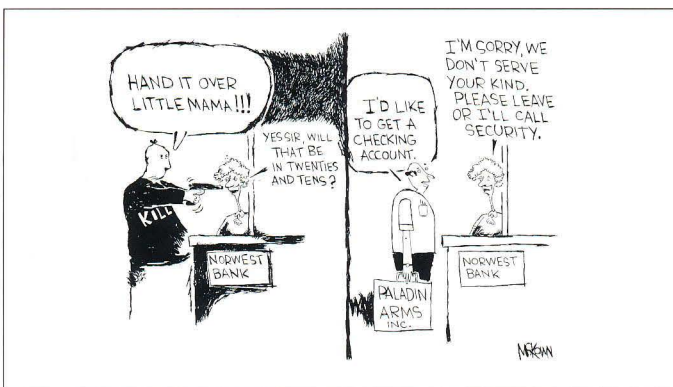
"Like the incident involving Mr. Glass, this was a misunderstanding," said Cristie Drumm, public relations manager for Norwest Banks of Colorado. "Mr. Resnick went in and said something big was going to happen to Norwest, and the employee didn't hear him qualify that with 'on the radio.' It was unfortunate there was a misunderstanding."

That afternoon, as Resnick told his audience about the Greeley incident, Nelson met with Glass at Paladin Arms. Glass and Hill, his lawyer, agreed to meet with Nelson and other bank officials the next day.

What happened in that meeting has been classified "top secret" by Glass, Hill, Resnick and the others. Nobody's talking, but all seem happy. Glass even canceled the Norwest demonstration.

Publicly, the bank apologized to Mr. Glass and invited him to open an account. Other arrangements will remain a secret, insist Glass, Resnick, Hill and all other parties involved.

"We made some mistakes and it was unfortunate," Drumm said. "It's all been worked out and everyone walked away happy." ☘



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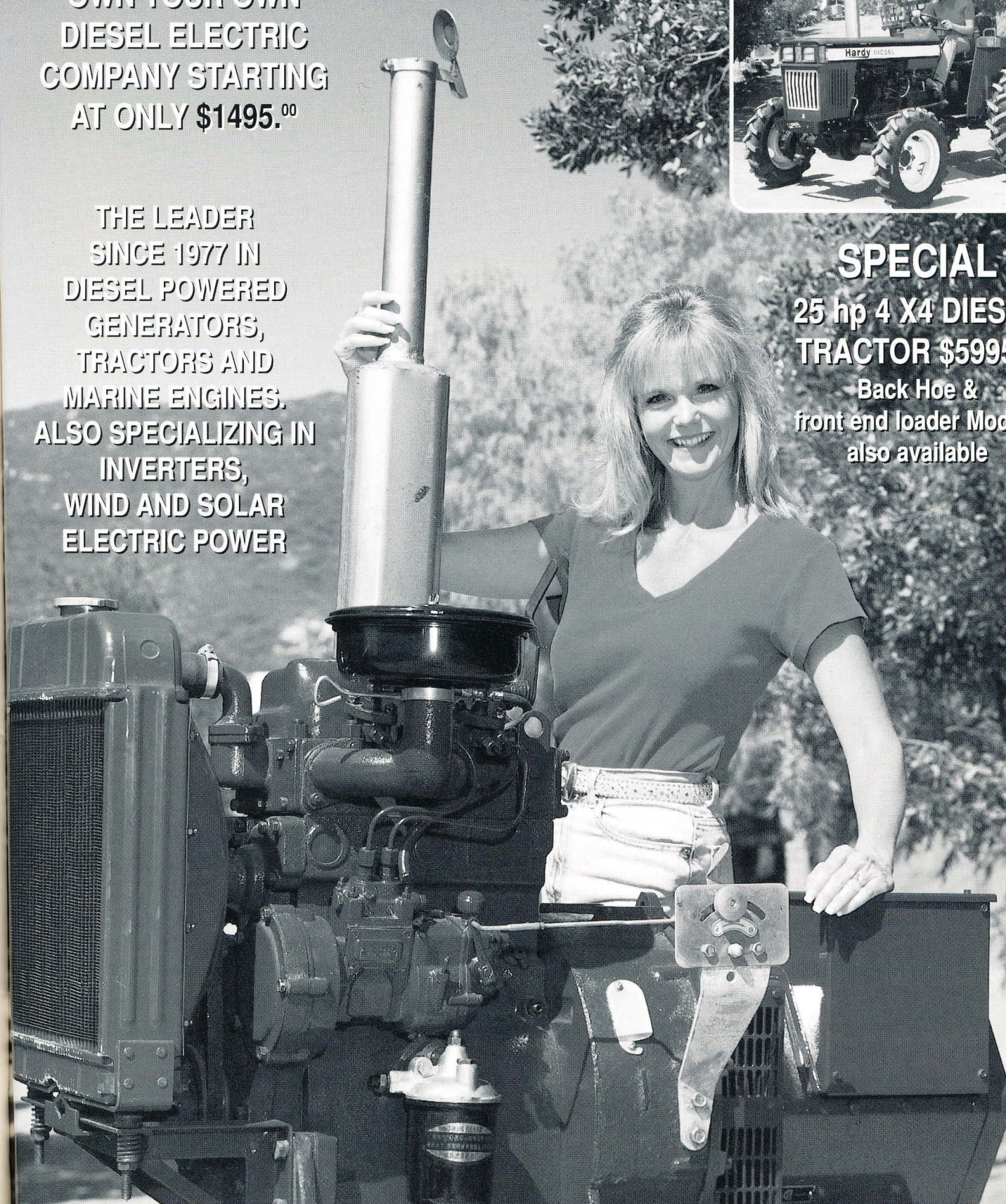
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Whether it be a casual romp through the woods or a formal affair Sarah and April are well prepared with their ever-versatile attire - just a part of The Fall Collection at **Paladin Arms.**

Sarah has opted for the casual look choosing the jungle hat and British DPM smock to compliment her FN FAL and Colt AR-15 rifles in basic black. Accessories make the outfit and Sarah has wisely chosen to adorn her Colt with an M203 grenade launcher for those occasions when unexpected company drops in. Sarah has defied convention once more and given us all something to think about this fall.

April has opted for the one-piece look with the striking Swiss Alpenflage parka and pants. This ensemble would be appropriate attire for the world's most chic ski resorts from the Golan Heights to the Balkans. Little vixen that she is, April has smartly complimented her .223 Galil with a 9mm Uzi submachine gun - just the thing for those unexpected up-close and personal encounters.

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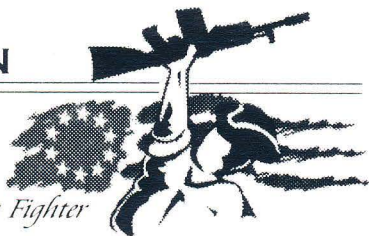
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